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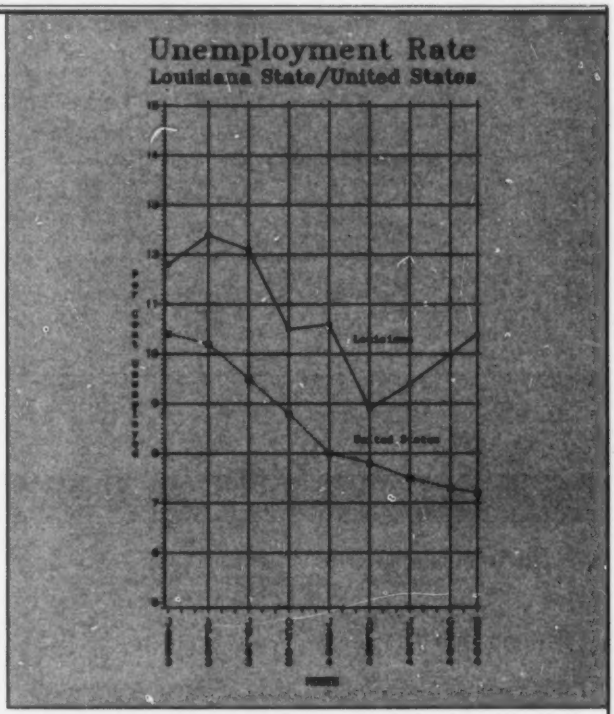
Preliminary estimates indicate that the real GNP grew at a 3.9 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter of 1984. The growth in GNP was well above the 2.8 percent reported in the flash estimates last month. Consumer expenditures were greater than anticipated in the flash estimates and imports were less. Overall, the 1984 GNP was 6.8 percent higher than in 1983, representing the largest increase since 1951. The GNP is expected to grow in the 3-4 percent range in 1985.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased 0.6 percent in December, following a 0.4 percent gain in November. Retail sales dropped 0.1 percent in December, following a 2 percent increase in the previous month. The data for December sales is likely to be revised upwards in the future. Total housing starts increased at an annual rate of only 2 percent in December, following declines in the two previous months.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) increased to 7.4 percent in January 1985 from 7.2 percent inDecember 1984. Total civilian employment increased 0.1 percent since December and 3 percent since January 1984. The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator dropped 0.2 percent in December, following a 0.6 percent increase in November and a 0.6 decline in October. Although, the recent unsteadiness in the leading indicator raises questions on the outlook of the economy, most economic analysts believe that the economy will grow 4 percent annually during the first half of 1985.

Inflation continues to be under control. The Consumer Price Index as well as the Producer Price Index were virtually unchanged in December . Interest rates continued to decline in January. The prime rate decreased to 10.5 percent by the end of January from 10.75 percent in December and was even below the 11 percent in January 1984. The AAA corporate bond rate at the end of January decreased to 11.9 percent from 12.05 percent at the end of December and was below the 12.5 percent rate a year ago. The significant decline in interest rates since September 1984 should spur the interest sensitive sector of the economy such as construction, business investments, production and sale of durables, etc.



Louisiana

The Louisiana economy was stagnant in December. The seasonal adjusted total employment declined 1.26 percent in December and the unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, increased 10.8 percent in December from 10.4 percent in November. Total non-agricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,600 or one-tenth of one percent. Wholesale and retail trade employment increased by 5,000 workers due to seasonal increases in hiring. Employment in mining and finance, insurance and real estate sectors was unchanged since November. The other sectors such as construction; transportation; communication and utilities; and the services sector, all experienced declining employment in December.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) decreased two-tenths of one percent in December. The index components predicting construction activities and manufac-

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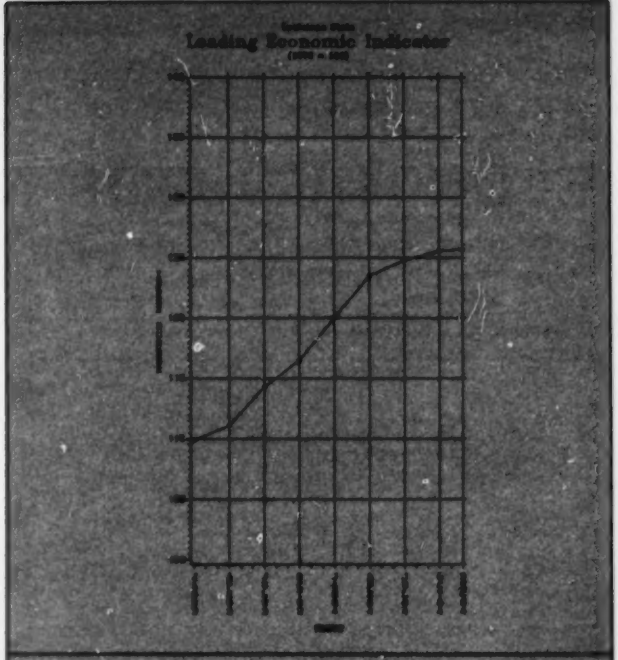

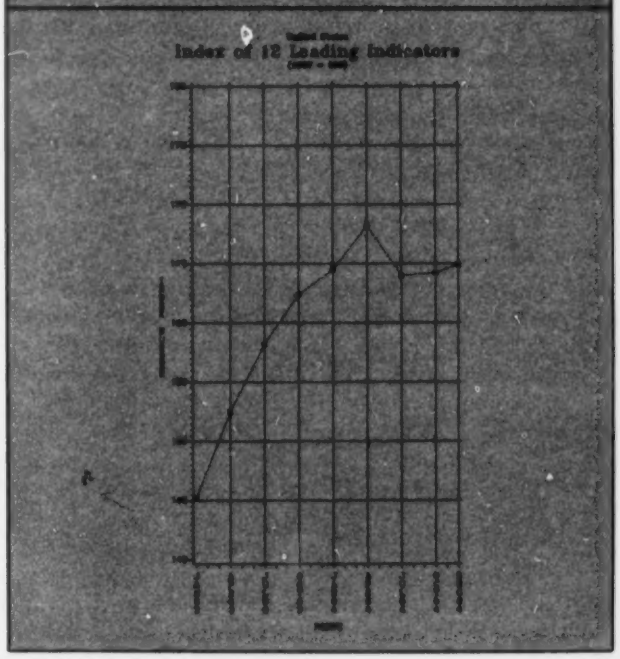

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Month	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	11.8	**10.6**	na	10.4	**8.0**	na	109.9	**120.0**	na	145.2	**164.5**	na
Feb	12.7	**10.1**	na	10.2	**7.8**	na	110.2	**121.5**	na	147.4	**166.9**	na
Mar	12.7	**9.2**		10.2	**7.8**		110.6	**122.7**		150.2	**167.4**	
Apr	12.4	**8.9**		10.2	**7.8**		111.1	**123.5**		152.5	**168.2**	
May	12.3	**8.9**		10.1	**7.4**		112.1	**124.1**		154.4	**168.5**	
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**		113.3	**124.4**		157.3	**166.9**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		114.3	**124.8**		158.2	**164.0**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		115.3	**125.1**		158.9	**163.9**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		115.8	**125.4**		160.0	**165.2**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		116.5	**125.6**		162.4	**164.2**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		117.4	**125.8**		162.5	**165.2**	
Dec	10.3	**10.4**		8.2	**7.2**		118.6	**125.7**		163.4	**164.9**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

								Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,965.3	1,954.9	1,969.8	1,983.2	1,992.8	1,974.5	**1,953.9**	3.3	*-1.1*	1.7
Total Employed (000)										
Non-Agricultural	1,581.0	1,573.1	1,571.7	1,579.1	1,579.6	1,581.1	**1,582.7**	0.1	*0.1*	0.5
Wholesale And Retail Trade	376.7	376.8	375.2	373.6	374.3	376.1	**381.2**	0.2	*1.3*	1.6
Government	316.7	311.9	311.9	319.3	321.7	324.3	**324.5**	1.4	*0.0*	0.6
Services	312.1	310.0	309.1	312.2	312.7	311.9	**310.4**	0.8	*-0.5*	2.0
Manufacturing	182.0	181.9	183.3	183.0	182.4	183.1	**182.6**	2.7	*-0.3*	0.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	116.7	116.3	117.2	116.2	116.1	115.8	**115.6**	0.0	*-0.2*	-2.1
Construction	114.2	113.9	113.3	113.0	110.8	107.1	**105.7**	-8.8	*-1.4*	-2.8
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.0	84.1	83.8	83.5	83.4	83.6	**83.5**	0.1	*-0.2*	1.1
Mining	78.6	78.2	77.9	78.3	78.2	79.2	**79.2**	-0.4	*0.0*	-2.5
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	185.2	183.8	185.3	187.9	198.8	202.0	**203.7**	4.3	*0.8*	-16.4
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.2	**10.4**	0.9	*1.9*	-17.7
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)	212.4	224.5	227.0	190.0	217.4	225.2	**223.7**	-12.3	*-0.7*	-30.4
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)	31.2	32.8	33.0	28.0	32.2	33.7	**33.4**	-13.7	*-0.9*	-33.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.8	41.4	41.1	42.0	41.1	42.2	**41.8**	2.7	*-1.0*	3.9
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	418.84	419.80	415.52	416.34	407.71	436.66	**433.88**	7.8	*-0.7*	7.6
New Claims (000)	32.8	30.4	26.6	30.5	32.6	29.0	**39.5**	4.4	*36.2*	-20.2
Exhaustions (000)	6.2	6.5	6.6	5.4	5.9	6.0	**6.0**	-25.0	*0.0*	-34.0
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	195,263	204,018	208,476	174,248	199,643	206,233	**205,314**		*-0.5*	na
Benefits Paid	28,270,832	29,871,910	29,795,562	25,262,388	29,061,964	30,324,606	**30,090,371**	0.0	*-0.8*	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	1,063	1,175	1,252	1,042	1,211	1,707	**1,007**		*-41.1*	na
Benefits Paid	127,768	144,442	159,610	132,502	154,751	241,901	**130,483**		*-46.1*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	1,320	1,427	1,574	1,502	1,825	1,725	**1,527**		*-11.5*	na
Benefits Paid	195,292	211,516	235,857	226,616	273,183	257,221	**228,353**		*-11.5*	na
Revenue Collections ($ Mil)	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Severance Tax	66.7	70.4	65.3	64.5	32.3	54.8	**62.0**	-7.1	*13.1*	-1.4
General Sales Tax	70.1	73.0	85.9	87.3	86.5	91.0	**86.8**	40.6	*-4.7*	24.0
Motor Vehicle Tax	10.0	8.8	14.2	11.3	12.4	10.3	**10.0**	9.8	*-3.0*	29.0
Gasoline Tax	14.6	16.5	24.0	28.3	24.2	28.4	**25.9**	83.6	*-8.9*	41.6
Individual Income Tax	34.7	41.0	34.9	28.5	52.3	36.5	**44.4**	96.4	*21.6*	74.3
Corporation Income Tax	38.7	6.9	4.6	46.3	12.9	11.7	**33.6**	-20.6	*187.1*	-15.4
Corporation Franchise Tax	2.3	2.1	2.9	4.5	4.0	10.1	**13.3**	786.6	*51.6*	7.8
Tobacco Tax And Permits	6.0	7.1	8.5	6.9	7.5	7.4	**6.5**	30.0	*-12.2*	28.7
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.7	**2.4**	-4.0	*41.1*	0.4
Beer Tax, State	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.4	2.1	**2.6**	4.0	*23.8*	0.8
Special Fuels	2.7	3.4	4.1	4.1	5.2	4.8	**4.5**	114.2	*-6.3*	50.5
Soft Drink Tax & Permit Fees	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.9	**0.8**	0.0	*-11.2*	3.8
Parish & Municipality Beer Tax	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	**0.5**	0.0	*0.0*	5.7
Total Revenues	247.6	232.5	250.1	282.8	240.3	264.8	**293.4**	29.1	*10.8*	18.9
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	550.99	599.43	569.55	607.42	598.48	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	157.3	174.8	159.3	137.1	186.9	110.5	**86.5**	-40.7	*-21.8*	-0.9
Non-Residential	107.5	293.4	129.7	119.6	187.8	127.6	**116.7**	51.9	*-8.6*	21.2
Non-Building	80.7	74.3	55.0	45.6	85.2	182.3	**203.2**	225.6	*11.4*	-47.0
Number Of Construction Contracts	2,699	3,484	2,992	2,364	3,025	2,063	**1,733**	-46.4	*-16.0*	-9.0
FHA Construction ($ Mil)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	20.8	6.3	3.1	9.4	11.6	4.5	**2.5**	-74.0	*-44.5*	na
1-to-4 Unit	26.0	26.4	23.1	15.7	14.5	17.5	**19.9**	-21.1	*13.7*	na
5 or More	1.7	13.1	10.1	10.3	8.7	2.7	**14.6**	192.0	*440.7*	na
Non-Residential	41.4	27.9	17.2	17.6	8.5	8.4	**10.2**	-60.2	*21.4*	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	29.4	35.5	27.1	29.3	19.9	22.9	**19.0**	-14.5	*-17.1*	na
Family (Other)	54.1	60.1	58.9	56.1	37.9	41.5	**35.2**	-14.4	*-15.2*	na
2-to-4 Unit	9.3	12.5	11.1	14.8	7.4	7.9	**6.2**	-28.8	*-21.6*	na
5 or More	3.0	5.5	7.9	3.9	3.2	8.5	**4.9**	-17.0	*-42.4*	na
Non-Residential	11.9	25.1	27.4	25.7	33.6	28.1	**20.5**	-43.4	*-27.1*	na
Other										
Land Loans	16.0	8.5	19.5	11.3	16.2	22.3	**17.1**	30.5	*-23.4*	na
Refinancing	46.0	34.7	37.0	47.5	34.4	31.7	**27.1**	-36.7	*-14.6*	na
All Other	32.1	26.0	24.4	25.6	16.1	34.1	**24.5**	30.3	*-28.2*	na
Total Loans Closed	291.7	281.6	244.1	267.1	211.4	230.1	**201.6**	-19.9	*-12.4*	
Loans in Process	459.1	439.1	243.8	412.6	397.7	368.8	**367.8**	-5.2	*-0.3*	na

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	4,087,416	4,995,440	4,537,359	4,181,105	4,909,632	3,532,013	**4,184,607**	6.9	*18.4*	-2.5
Tax Revenue	253,355	312,549	286,543	271,446	304,546	224,367	**460,306**	92.2	*105.1*	4.7
General Business Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Corporation Filings										
Domestic Charters	1,160	967	1,108	813	735	646	**654**	-33.5	*1.2*	-8.9
Amendments To Domestic Charters	97	79	85	57	81	53	**97**	-31.3	*83.0*	475.5
Notices of Dissolution	118	220	130	57	48	35	**76**	7.0	*117.1*	847.0
Dissolutions	253	138	221	152	158	82	**157**	149.2	*91.4*	195.7
Mergers or Consolidations	36	25	59	51	48	4	**188**	30.5	*4,600.0*	270.8
Foreign Qualifications	107	152	105	149	153	105	**123**	-26.8	*17.1*	546.1
Amendments to Foreign Charters	40	16	26	13	10	14	**10**	-52.4	*-28.6*	575.0
Withdrawals	14	32	28	12	47	38	**19**	-45.8	*-50.0*	308.6
Telephone Lines (000)	1,723.6	1,726.6	1,733.5	1,740.0	1,742.4	1,738.6	**1,736.6**	1.9	*-0.2*	
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)	552.0	469.6	0.0	550.5	522.2	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-50.6
Fuel Consumption (Gals)	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Gasoline	219,359,229	150,050,545	182,083,000	160,193,296	182,696,455	166,924,537	**177,255,345**	-4.8	*6.1*	-85.3
Gasohol	0	294,822	2,815,791	3,168,692	3,237,034	6,693,909	**8,212,690**	na	*22.6*	na
Highway Diesel	41,510,171	25,155,400	23,995,264	31,984,727	29,563,268	27,390,583	**31,374,364**	-4.3	*14.5*	18.0
Highway LPG	320,567	403,602	1,712,159	633,872	334,998	449,338	**379,379**	-40.8	*-15.6*	4.6
Total Fuel Consumption	261,189,967	175,904,369	210,606,214	195,980,587	215,831,755	201,458,367	**217,221,778**	-1.1	*7.8*	93.9
Crude Petroleum Production (000 Bbl)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
North Louisiana	2,790	2,730	2,852	2,852	2,730	2,790	**2,700**	-3.3	*-3.3*	-4.2
South Louisiana	40,107	38,970	40,300	na	38,970	40,548	**39,780**	9.6	*-1.9*	na
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)										
CITGO Petroleum	284,130	255,723	222,606	238,847	225,172	225,172	**202,917**	-23.9	*-9.9*	14.2
CONOCO Inc.	134,242	123,552	95,198	116,223	116,223	132,584	**116,733**	-7.6	*-12.0*	46.5
EXXON Company	436,792	450,470	403,688	452,945	417,405	397,894	**419,938**	-2.7	*5.5*	9.8
Gulf Oil Company	188,937	127,388	188,350	193,956	187,901	192,308	**186,712**	16.8	*-3.0*	29.3
Marathon Oil	189,525	191,952	175,403	185,167	165,152	164,669	**174,557**	2.4	*6.0*	21.3
Murphy Oil Company	58,925	49,412	49,210	51,506	51,477	51,477	**65,342**	24.0	*26.9*	-8.1
Shell Oil Company	198,004	206,844	0	204,606	193,396	193,396	**187,132**	1.9	*-3.3*	6.4
Tenneco Oil Company	91,938	80,343	89,363	76,322	87,080	91,198	**134,071**	61.4	*47.0*	13.1
Texaco Inc.	127,443	0	45,268	140,143	167,123	180,338	**159,586**	12.3	*-11.6*	5.4
Others	130,683	154,562	106,032	113,292	190,877	100,934	**107,652**	-12.9	*6.6*	7.9
Total	1,840,619	1,640,246	1,375,118	1,773,007	1,714,726	1,729,970	**1,754,640**	0.8	*1.4*	13.5
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid to Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	12,600,214	12,328,480	12,383,571	12,308,031	12,573,051	12,525,277	**12,740,316**	9.8	*1.7*	na
Persons	222,554	219,141	220,972	218,885	224,190	222,430	**284,615**	38.2	*27.9*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	26,623,635	26,560,648	26,709,063	27,238,148	28,902,324	29,924,647	**30,668,420**	19.1	*2.4*	na
Recipients	607,499	607,516	611,448	615,264	617,271	627,959	**633,248**	8.0	*0.8*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	186,104	210,407	188,524	184,438	212,381	187,663	**177,950**	-19.8	*-5.2*	na
Benefits Paid	57,898,083	64,460,007	54,556,277	51,355,794	65,260,782	60,286,659	**51,383,246**	-6.6	*-14.8*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	5,438,028	5,248,105	5,077,346	5,016,667	5,574,040	7,129,984	**4,787,048**	-5.4	*-32.9*	na
ICF Mental	9,847,655	11,519,199	10,827,723	10,887,571	11,607,229	11,598,046	**11,309,192**	10.8	*-2.5*	na
ICF I Services	7,312,545	7,339,789	7,683,135	7,769,247	7,748,049	7,934,853	**7,877,254**	8.7	*-0.8*	na
Physicians	5,603,710	7,449,867	5,369,960	4,994,820	7,090,528	6,013,265	**4,809,169**	-4.9	*-20.1*	na
Drugs	4,751,229	6,583,232	5,282,139	5,008,770	6,831,479	5,676,268	**3,986,580**	-20.3	*-29.8*	na
State Employee's Retirement	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	9,478,095	9,484,746	9,527,882	10,132,029	10,479,314	11,982,815	**13,643,005**	52.5	*13.8*	19.0
Disability	715,229	730,517	722,749	763,852	780,009	772,344	**774,479**	14.6	*0.2*	13.8
Survivors	1,313,047	1,292,893	1,302,484	1,380,098	1,407,879	1,410,971	**1,421,484**	14.1	*0.7*	11.7
Total Benefits Disbursed	11,506,371	11,508,156	11,553,115	12,275,979	12,667,202	14,166,130	**15,838,968**	45.7	*11.8*	17.8
Average Check Amount										
Regular	688.11	687.45	689.43	731.66	748.04	822.43	**889.90**	33.8	*8.2*	11.7
Disability	469.93	495.77	468.41	486.84	500.33	497.00	**496.14**	10.0	*-0.2*	7.5
Survivors	476.26	467.93	470.55	496.44	503.53	503.74	**503.00**	7.7	*-0.2*	5.3
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	5,731	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Deaths	3,035	3,017	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	1,098	1,104	1,029	1,221	1,279	1,434	1,166	1,459	944	1,009	923	**872**	-16.2	-5.6	1.4
Cadillac	489	431	335	448	494	437	374	457	329	379	349	**305**	-36.2	-12.7	-2.7
Chevrolet	1,941	1,713	2,031	1,907	2,080	2,133	1,793	2,042	1,729	1,845	1,376	**1,314**	-21.6	-4.6	10.9
Chrysler	259	282	314	283	382	415	357	426	362	442	514	**347**	41.6	-32.5	37.8
Datsun	779	693	559	581	622	835	867	967	547	341	146	**106**	-85.7	-27.4	-21.8
Dodge	332	385	316	310	422	610	315	372	344	452	508	**327**	-3.3	-35.7	12.5
Ford	1,794	1,890	1,868	1,801	1,933	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,434	2,122	1,819	**1,413**	-12.3	-22.4	11.6
Honda	418	427	367	534	494	478	432	698	312	529	412	**378**	-3.4	-8.3	51.3
Lincoln	201	221	315	304	279	321	312	315	303	396	392	**275**	36.1	-29.9	19.6
Mazda	157	198	181	180	223	223	199	207	225	213	188	**129**	-32.2	-31.4	-15.7
Mercury	589	732	705	646	834	834	693	802	711	756	645	**660**	14.9	2.3	17.5
Oldsmobile	1,811	1,984	2,094	1,867	2,132	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,318	1,279	1,235	**1,156**	-35.4	-6.4	-6.8
Plymouth	268	215	245	206	257	329	200	209	196	272	299	**232**	-18.9	-22.5	31.1
Pontiac	1,091	944	1,103	1,001	1,172	1,259	977	1,174	829	1,112	832	**743**	-6.6	-10.7	-6.8
Renault	92	115	167	81	97	140	129	257	89	108	83	**74**	-27.5	-19.9	26.5
Toyota	835	803	544	523	550	819	840	1,068	740	799	708	**660**	-11.0	-6.8	-6.0
Volkswagen	112	138	138	112	129	102	107	93	108	87	60	**78**	-1.3	30.0	33.1
Volvo	106	123	176	149	142	169	131	121	72	81	72	**113**	-4.3	56.9	2.6
Other	556	490	426	489	641	593	445	445	457	555	915	**979**	105.5	6.9	18.7
Total Car Sales	12,928	12,888	12,913	12,643	14,162	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,049	12,777	11,476	**10,161**	-14.4	-11.5	4.8
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	1,831	1,703	1,882	1,906	2,168	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,582	1,798	1,555	**1,360**	-28.6	-12.6	7.1
Datsun	208	457	348	247	322	399	299	225	177	256	46	**27**	-85.9	-41.4	25.8
Dodge	585	641	739	803	778	965	750	703	573	743	645	**626**	21.0	-3.0	49.3
Ford	2,155	2,087	2,269	2,313	2,428	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,847	2,256	1,955	**1,669**	-19.3	-14.7	10.1
GMC	509	494	484	507	697	661	499	590	434	640	502	**395**	-21.0	-21.4	10.8
Mazda	160	209	161	119	187	197	144	186	177	198	108	**114**	-30.3	5.5	33.2
Toyota	652	672	485	498	634	850	576	781	790	676	481	**479**	21.8	-0.5	64.9
Other	394	359	467	457	554	583	439	509	436	504	608	**696**	94.4	14.4	71.0
Total Truck Sales	6,494	6,622	6,835	6,850	7,768	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,016	7,071	5,900	**5,366**	-11.7	-9.1	20.5

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								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	545.4	542.6	545.3	542.2	544.6	543.3	**539.7**	2.0	-0.7	1.6
Total Employed (000)	498.3	495.5	496.9	492.1	491.4	488.8	**485.0**	0.8	-0.8	3.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	392.70	391.53	381.48	378.73	367.88	373.20	**372.89**	2.7	-0.1	10.3
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	42.0	42.1	40.8	40.9	39.6	40.0	**40.4**	3.8	1.0	6.0
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	47.1	47.1	48.4	50.1	53.2	54.5	**54.7**	13.9	0.3	-12.4
Unemployment Rate	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.8	10.0	**10.1**	10.9	1.0	-14.1
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	54,058	58,584	62,413	53,291	60,253	60,972	**62,047**		1.7	na
Benefits Paid	8,205,180	8,892,700	9,365,447	8,055,067	9,170,774	9,395,661	**9,440,908**		0.4	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	369	410	470	386	466	741	**391**		-47.3	na
Benefits Paid	42,000	50,594	61,646	50,324	62,479	108,523	**52,580**		-51.6	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	286	362	387	371	482	466	**403**		-13.5	na
Benefits Paid	42,840	53,402	57,062	54,533	71,276	70,290	**60,893**		-13.4	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	261.96	308.19	277.69	270.85	264.85	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	34.7	64.0	38.3	35.3	57.5	30.6	**22.0**	-4.8	-28.2	8.0
Non-Residential	30.8	37.0	36.9	52.3	63.3	41.1	**33.4**	10.9	-18.8	20.1
Number Of Construction Contracts	635	1,298	768	601	598	661	**391**	-33.0	-40.9	-5.6
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	2.0	0.1	2.1	3.1	0.3	0.5	**2.0**	-35.5	300.0	1.0
1-to-4 Unit	9.4	7.3	11.4	6.1	5.3	7.2	**4.6**	-74.8	-36.2	66.7
5 or More	1.5	2.7	9.4	5.5	8.4	1.5	**8.3**	66.0	453.3	49.0
Non-Residential	14.7	10.9	10.0	8.1	6.8	3.7	**2.7**	-45.4	-27.1	38.9
Purchases										
Single (New)	13.3	13.1	13.7	15.6	11.2	11.7	**8.8**	-42.5	-24.8	159.3
Family (Other)	33.0	40.4	34.7	34.9	24.6	26.8	**20.9**	-14.0	-22.1	141.3
2-to-4 Unit	7.4	11.2	9.9	11.5	6.9	7.3	**4.9**	-33.8	-32.9	149.0
5 or More	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.3	2.8	4.5	**1.0**	-80.8	-77.8	45.9
Non-Residential	8.6	14.8	16.0	19.5	15.8	24.3	**16.3**	53.7	-33.0	161.9
Other										
Land Loans	2.7	6.5	12.3	5.7	5.7	6.3	**9.8**	34.2	55.5	108.9
Refinancing	18.1	21.2	22.8	27.4	23.3	16.1	**12.2**	-35.2	-34.3	90.7
All Other	11.4	13.2	11.7	7.0	8.0	20.5	**11.0**	189.4	46.4	411.4
Total Loans Closed	124.7	144.2	135.2	146.6	118.8	130.4	**102.7**	-25.4	-27.3	11.8
Loans in Process	258.4	227.5	223.8	223.7	216.6	192.6	**192.9**	-26.1	0.1	129.9
Seaport Activity (000 Tons)	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Breakbulk Cargo										
Imports	256.3	304.9	198.7	198.5	249.5	145.1	**206.4**	52.4	42.2	64.0
Exports	42.9	57.4	24.1	28.7	72.1	2.1	**28.3**	-33.1	1,247.6	-30.7
Total	299.2	362.3	222.8	227.2	321.6	147.2		na	na	na
Container Cargo										
Imports	81.1	94.0	60.8	82.6	63.1	86.6	**75.4**	-3.0	-13.0	19.2
Exports	104.6	120.3	74.6	97.3	68.2	116.7	**93.2**	-25.7	-20.2	9.3
Total	185.7	214.3	135.4	179.9	131.3	203.3		na	na	na
Ro-Ro Cargo										
Imports	18.3	19.7	21.6	21.6	31.0	25.4	**18.1**	34.0	-28.8	26.0
Exports	33.7	38.7	54.0	39.6	54.9	48.9	**34.3**	53.1	-29.9	8.9
Total	52.0	58.4	75.6	61.2	85.9	74.3		na	na	na
Lash & Seabee Cargo										
Imports	16.3	18.3	14.8	9.8	14.5	16.2	**10.9**	-37.4	-32.8	-11.4
Exports	12.4	6.3	2.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	**11.2**	409.0	0.0	-46.2
Total	28.7	24.6	16.8	10.8	17.2	16.2		-na	na	na
Bulk Terminal Cargo										
Imports	49.4	88.3	200.6	94.3	151.8	62.9	**61.1**	-52.1	-2.9	38.8
Exports	62.0	18.0	0.4	13.9	3.7	1.8	**9.0**	-35.0	400.0	-55.5
Total	111.4	106.3	201.0	108.2	155.5	64.7		na	na	na
Total	677.0	765.9	651.6	587.3	711.5	505.7		8,211.0	9,787.1	759.0
Grain Exports	688.7	892.2	947.9	813.4	978.8	1,050.6	**1,317.0**	40.8	25.3	36.3
Vessel Arrivals	318	347	339	308	330	347	**387**	26.3	11.5	3.3
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)	23.5	30.4	32.3	27.8	33.4	38.0	**42.8**	33.7	12.6	33.5
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)	147.1	420.1	240.6	235.6	329.7	0.0	**296.0**	49.1	0.0	-3.1
Sugar Imports	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	na	na
Duty Collected ($ Mil)	17	17	18	15	18	19	**19**	46.1	0.0	30.9
Import Cars Loaded	188	335	316	198	256	218	**226**	51.6	3.4	19.1

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								Per Cent Change		
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Airport Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Cargo (Tons)	192	182	174	160	191	177	167	-15.3	-5.7	8.4
Flight Arrivals	5,965	6,093	6,253	5,687	5,823	5,049	5,034	6.7	-0.3	12.9
Passengers (000)										
Enplaned	324.6	313.2	333.0	285.1	309.4	263.1	234.6	0.9	-10.9	12.1
Deplaned	316.4	312.9	340.4	286.2	315.1	258.6	223.3	-4.4	-13.7	12.7
Mail (Tons)										
Enplaned	638.2	586.8	615.5	616.8	927.5	478.0	851.5	8.8	78.1	16.4
Deplaned	597.0	556.1	626.7	638.5	641.2	657.6	870.0	13.0	32.2	2.1
Freight (Tons)										
Enplaned	1,317.9	1,171.4	1,009.9	1,091.7	1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	-8.5	-6.0	9.6
Deplaned	1,620.0	1,463.1	1,458.6	1,524.3	1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	-21.3	-19.9	6.3
Express (Tons)										
Enplaned	12.4	11.4	12.6	0.0	15.6	15.9	8.2	-3.6	-48.5	-10.5
Deplaned	24.1	18.9	31.8	0.0	35.2	27.4	24.3	-36.9	-11.4	-8.7
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84			
Number of Cases Sold	1,264,810	1,578,421	1,506,298	1,392,085	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	9.6	19.4	-2.2
Tax Revenue	139,130	173,626	165,693	153,130	172,359	127,065	151,823	9.6	19.4	-2.2
Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	4,503,879	4,418,757	4,434,568	4,402,653	4,513,646	4,467,598	4,550,865	7.4	1.8	na
Persons	75,934	74,648	75,253	74,469	76,583	75,631	77,373	8.2	2.3	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	7,161,098	7,236,717	7,404,828	7,512,977	8,108,272	8,348,712	8,439,727	18.1	1.0	na
Recipients	151,062	152,461	155,563	156,900	159,629	162,356	164,017	9.0	1.0	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	45,882	52,229	45,633	43,949	53,208	46,409	44,941	-18.7	-3.2	na
Benefits Paid	11,936,414	14,353,710	10,691,741	8,170,052	15,010,797	14,014,048	10,456,721	-0.5	-25.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	4,570,470	4,968,912	3,862,798	3,422,083	5,541,793	4,766,054	3,315,283	-13.5	-30.5	na
ICF Mental	349,156	1,219,159	573,115	600,609	822,889	736,006	593,105	171.5	-19.5	na
ICF I Services	1,564,913	1,590,236	1,659,879	1,643,451	1,680,589	1,734,438	1,732,649	11.9	-0.2	na
Physicians	1,941,636	2,552,216	1,945,587	1,833,266	2,521,302	2,154,058	1,804,206	4.4	-16.3	na
Drugs	686,364	1,001,468	824,878	755,621	1,041,139	895,743	650,868	-18.7	-27.4	na
General Business Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	50,170	42,534	43,278	57,419	52,883	45,800	13,837	-49.9	-69.8	-0.2
Telephone Lines (000)	786.4	787.4	790.0	792.4	793.0	790.9	790.7	1.8	-0.1	
Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84			
Births	1,611	1,894	1,654	1,824	1,574	1,677	1,548	-13.7	-7.7	-5.1
Deaths	904	1,080	943	913	859	828	818	2.5	-1.3	-1.3
Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Retail Sales Tax - State	17,074,782	18,272,857	19,193,541	22,764,066	21,842,030	22,559,553	23,782,375	41.4	5.4	18.7
Severance Tax	6,363,129	4,408,315	6,804,965	4,333,869	5,236,856	na	na	na	na	na
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	937,085	893,596	1,116,785	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	105.0	26.9	32.5
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	395,800	366,257	478,459	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	119.3	35.7	42.0

New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Buick	362	360	275	385	401	498	354	475	295	315	301	254	-19.2	-15.7	11.8
Cadillac	130	127	107	138	169	148	113	147	92	138	126	108	-34.2	-14.3	-1.8
Chevrolet	444	433	519	429	499	547	453	479	385	425	352	355	-28.2	0.8	2.0
Chrylser	53	54	55	52	91	79	55	102	88	106	91	71	57.7	-22.0	25.4
Datsun	282	265	222	234	254	292	340	387	226	147	68	32	-90.0	-53.0	-16.8
Dodge	151	127	127	131	155	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	-30.4	-36.5	2.0
Ford	454	629	551	608	597	675	558	663	461	616	591	463	-8.5	-21.7	9.6
Honda	124	121	111	179	160	144	142	228	86	124	130	95	-42.1	-27.0	27.9
Lincoln	66	48	68	87	71	81	91	120	83	102	148	69	13.1	-53.4	3.7
Mazda	62	76	60	59	92	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	-15.1	-25.0	-6.2
Mercury	145	204	168	168	220	234	208	237	199	198	163	160	2.5	-1.9	16.1
Oldsmobile	459	492	507	479	589	599	472	484	358	369	370	336	-25.5	-9.2	-6.3
Plymouth	83	46	62	41	59	75	52	64	64	65	70	63	34.0	-10.0	25.4
Pontiac	284	221	307	262	345	281	290	305	250	293	230	220	18.9	-4.4	53.3
Renault	37	29	35	32	36	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	-63.5	-20.9	-26.8
Toyota	276	275	193	162	180	301	301	322	220	230	230	232	-8.7	0.8	-12.2
Volkswagen	50	31	31	22	44	35	55	45	50	54	25	42	50.0	68.0	19.5
Volvo	31	41	59	40	43	66	51	35	16	25	18	39	5.4	116.6	-3.0
Other	262	162	190	183	255	244	166	157	178	198	357	399	91.8	11.7	24.4
Total Car Sales	3,755	3,741	3,647	3,691	4,260	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,305	3,643	3,513	3,103	-15.8	-11.7	5.9

New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Chevrolet	331	344	358	410	416	466	374	359	284	329	326	235	-40.6	-28.0	12.5
Datsun	54	108	89	61	96	91	84	51	47	54	18	5	-92.0	-72.3	32.2
Dodge	126	154	146	147	182	204	158	147	123	126	177	144	14.2	-18.7	27.5
Ford	471	465	533	565	574	636	485	542	480	478	493	399	-17.3	-19.1	0.9
GMC	43	47	43	45	69	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	17.6	-39.4	14.3
Mazda	29	32	32	19	35	28	22	26	31	29	16	20	-31.1	25.0	12.3
Toyota	156	216	131	142	183	231	178	187	180	188	130	125	9.6	-3.9	81.7
Other	102	88	107	159	146	160	118	165	104	118	174	189	89.0	8.6	90.4
Total Truck Sales	1,312	1,454	1,439	1,548	1,701	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,289	1,391	1,400	1,157	-13.8	-17.4	19.9

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Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	249.7	250.1	251.3	253.6	254.4	254.0	**252.2**	3.9	-0.8	3.5
Total Employed (000)	229.1	229.3	230.1	232.2	231.4	230.7	**228.7**	2.9	-0.9	5.3
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	20.6	20.8	21.2	21.4	23.0	23.3	**23.5**	14.6	0.8	-12.1
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.3	8.4	9.0	8.8	9.2	**9.3**	10.7	1.0	-15.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	516.47	521.26	490.56	504.61	488.82	502.80	**502.07**	0.4	-0.2	4.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	44.6	42.5	42.0	42.8	40.6	41.9	**41.7**	-2.4	-0.5	1.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	22,245	24,878	26,197	22,322	25,539	26,620	**25,247**	na	-5.2	na
Benefits Paid	3,440,800	3,869,476	4,116,338	3,563,171	4,072,042	4,285,349	**4,101,455**	na	-4.3	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	28	34	41	29	32	78	**21**	na	-73.1	na
Benefits Paid	3,251	4,122	5,287	4,067	4,547	12,017	**2,644**	na	-78.0	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	106	120	92	84	84	100	**104**	na	4.0	na
Benefits Paid	15,983	18,025	13,522	12,836	13,118	15,731	**16,566**	na	5.3	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	32.74	32.96	33.10	30.23	30.55	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	30.9	34.3	27.2	20.1	39.4	17.0	**16.9**	-41.2	-0.6	-1.7
Non-Residential	34.1	17.9	14.0	12.4	56.7	32.1	**32.8**	106.2	2.1	8.4
Number Of Construction Contracts	486	719	398	328	1,626	845	**264**	-44.4	-68.8	3.0
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.5	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	3.6	9.7	0.0	2.7	4.7	5.6	**1.7**	-26.1	-69.7	194.4
5 or More	0.0	0.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	720.0
Non-Residential	2.2	1.2	0.0	0.4	1.0	3.5	**0.9**	-72.8	-74.3	43.3
Purchases										
Single (New)	6.9	3.1	0.0	3.9	3.5	4.0	**2.8**	40.0	-30.0	219.7
Family (Other)	2.5	2.3	0.0	2.1	1.6	3.2	**2.3**	91.6	-28.2	211.8
2-to-4 Unit	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	86.6
5 or More	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	**1.9**	0.0	0.0	318.1
Non-Residential	1.1	1.4	0.0	3.3	1.1	0.1	**0.0**	-100.0	-100.0	0.0
Other										
Land Loans	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	**0.0**	-100.0	-100.0	-63.2
Refinancing	2.6	1.9	0.0	1.9	1.3	1.1	**3.3**	22.2	200.0	48.6
All Other	12.1	5.8	0.0	6.9	2.0	2.2	**3.6**	-7.7	63.6	258.2
Total Loans Closed	31.9	29.1	27.7	27.6	16.9	20.8	**16.6**	-46.2	-20.2	30.0
Loans In Process	41.2	45.9	0.0	44.0	41.4	38.8	**37.4**	3.6	-3.7	171.4
Baton Rouge Port Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility										
Cargo Docks	51,088	31,942	35,931	33,692	17,313	22,795	**35,221**	-41.9	54.5	-29.2
Barge Terminal	13,763	30,290	25,583	6,452	14,338	8,585	**10,293**	-34.8	19.8	17.3
Molasses Terminal	0	18,881	36,724	21,375	0	43,785	**0**	0.0	-100.0	21.5
Petroleum Terminal	40,697	82,567	50,065	17,266	70,393	66,444	**10,730**	-91.5	-83.9	-60.3
MS Bulk Facility	22,730	141,538	99,201	120,906	123,006	116,303	**81,123**	25.5	-30.3	-30.5
Total	128,278	303,005	247,504	199,691	225,050	257,912	**137,367**	-48.5	-46.8	-43.1
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)										
Inbound	96.7	106.0	96.0	98.0	101.0	98.0	**85.0**	-7.2	-13.3	11.2
Outbound	52.1	42.0	40.0	34.0	33.0	38.0	**38.0**	-10.0	0.0	13.7
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	28.0	29.0	28.0	29.0	25.0	28.0	**27.0**	10.2	-3.6	9.0
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)	1,499.3	1,434.4	1,530.5	1,838.8	1,402.1	1,373.9	**1,316.9**	2.0	-4.2	17.0
Classified Advertisement Count (000)	116.2	115.9	117.6	117.3	110.5	106.6	**100.2**	0.0	-6.1	7.6
Coal Exports (000 Tons)	na	na	699,440	633,840	1,209,060	1,230,060	**807,210**		34.4	na
Telephone Lines (000)	240.3	241.1	241.9	244.0	245.6	246.5	**246.0**	0.0	-0.3	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	471,835	580,884	512,839	332,910	560,383	403,684	**482,784**	5.4	19.5	-5.5
Tax Revenue	51,901	63,896	56,412	36,620	61,642	44,406	**53,106**	5.4	19.5	-5.5

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Welfare Activity											
	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84				
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	1,191,040	1,167,848	1,177,760	1,164,302	1,199,821	1,194,845	**1,216,895**		16.7	*1.8*	na
Persons	20,269	19,995	20,205	19,900	20,545	20,432	**20,831**		16.8	*1.9*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	2,600,494	2,640,599	2,672,611	2,711,465	2,915,231	2,999,408	**3,046,102**		24.7	*1.5*	na
Recipients	55,473	56,200	56,918	57,264	58,159	59,248	**60,061**		14.6	*1.3*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims	14,129	16,223	14,452	14,158	16,054	14,547	**13,578**		-20.6	*-6.7*	na
Benefits Paid	4,051,573	4,370,773	3,654,826	4,259,413	4,696,552	4,395,372	**3,720,227**		-5.7	*-15.4*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	1,076,625	1,051,469	514,729	994,378	1,308,626	970,747	**782,184**		-7.1	*-19.5*	na
ICF Mental	53,424	150,178	234,537	219,668	264,677	406,918	**463,538**		85.6	*13.9*	na
ICF I Services	1,153,661	1,159,721	1,264,622	1,248,020	1,202,208	3,097,128	**1,262,711**		10.9	*-59.3*	na
Physicians	393,852	531,828	400,100	368,040	563,288	395,603	**364,388**		-8.0	*-7.9*	na
Drugs	324,615	476,655	365,015	347,093	484,617	428,531	**286,938**		-14.6	*-33.1*	na
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**				
Retail Sales Tax - State	7,884,042	7,161,856	7,807,683	10,621,649	9,326,627	9,300,194	**9,118,258**		34.7	*-2.0*	20.8
Severance Tax	4,161,678	3,878,709	3,861,465	3,823,200	3,714,178	2,753,582	**3,508,975**		65.3	*27.4*	26.4

New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	130	117	116	104	151	150	110	198	113	97	109	**101**	-17.3	*-7.4*	1.8
Cadillac	82	49	37	76	42	54	50	71	48	37	32	**30**	-48.3	*-6.3*	-6.7
Chevrolet	254	214	227	213	280	292	216	296	242	232	193	**201**	0.0	*4.1*	16.7
Chrysler	37	41	34	32	45	76	59	86	68	68	54	**41**	2.5	*-24.1*	15.9
Datsun	144	133	98	92	99	173	158	211	88	49	23	**26**	-80.9	*13.0*	-22.1
Dodge	22	50	22	28	63	76	19	59	57	39	39	**47**	67.8	*20.5*	30.5
Ford	228	184	214	215	197	348	180	259	152	184	166	**114**	-53.1	*-31.4*	-[illegible]
Honda	75	75	61	93	78	89	62	140	74	176	76	**78**	50.0	*2.6*	84.7
Lincoln	12	21	35	21	25	37	40	29	22	34	29	**27**	22.7	*-6.9*	7.7
Mazda	11	17	17	17	23	37	29	19	18	22	18	**16**	-33.4	*-11.2*	-17.6
Mercury	57	83	67	80	63	150	96	112	74	74	78	**53**	3.9	*-32.1*	63.9
Oldsmobile	187	203	186	190	183	252	161	187	164	114	117	**94**	-48.7	*-19.7*	-10.2
Plymouth	14	23	34	25	30	36	24	35	26	35	49	**30**	114.2	*-38.8*	9.7
Pontiac	141	148	144	153	141	207	98	167	101	127	100	**97**	-18.5	*-3.0*	1.3
Renault	13	13	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-38.5
Toyota	298	273	192	163	145	279	279	401	309	293	227	**209**	-21.2	*-8.0*	-1.4
Volkswagen	21	13	22	22	21	19	11	18	13	7	8	**6**	-50.0	*-25.0*	-15.9
Volvo	48	54	69	64	49	57	39	45	36	29	27	**36**	-23.5	*33.3*	4.9
Other	92	103	79	81	109	107	64	83	94	106	141	**185**	131.2	*31.2*	6.9
Total Car Sales	1,866	1,814	1,664	1,671	1,744	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,699	1,723	1,486	**1,391**	-18.5	*-6.4*	4.2

New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	212	174	229	247	190	279	161	267	229	173	137	**176**	10.6	*28.4*	19.4
Datsun	35	117	86	37	66	111	68	62	37	61	7	**7**	-66.7	*0.0*	106.5
Dodge	104	102	141	130	137	169	88	164	82	112	84	**89**	0.0	*5.9*	14.3
Ford	277	230	254	300	224	388	238	303	225	233	189	**180**	-33.4	*-4.8*	2.8
GMC	30	35	26	38	56	69	40	36	46	50	46	**30**	11.1	*-34.8*	10.5
Mazda	32	34	20	24	31	27	18	35	25	48	23	**28**	-20.0	*21.7*	44.3
Toyota	341	307	227	201	276	409	243	396	407	298	181	**196**	5.3	*8.2*	53.0
Other	62	47	37	50	71	92	45	48	57	56	74	**111**	85.0	*50.0*	24.1
Total Truck Sales	1,093	1,046	1,020	1,027	1,051	1,544	901	1,311	1,108	1,031	741	**817**	-3.6	*10.2*	24.8

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Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	98.5	98.2	97.9	97.8	99.1	98.7	**97.4**	2.7	*-1.4*	1.3
Total Employed (000)	92.4	92.4	92.1	91.9	92.6	92.5	**91.1**	3.5	*-1.6*	3.3
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	**6.3**	-7.4	*1.6*	-22.4
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.3	**6.4**	-9.9	*1.5*	-22.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	5,852	5,977	5,744	4,905	5,814	5,890	**5,706**		*-3.2*	na
Benefits Paid	859,006	866,295	831,507	720,604	842,414	867,857	**837,664**		*-3.5*	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	4	25	16	11	9	42	**9**		*-78.6*	na
Benefits Paid	820	4,163	2,782	1,924	1,594	6,877	**1,785**		*-74.1*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	26	25	20	13	28	30	**30**		*0.0*	na
Benefits Paid	4,233	4,076	3,221	1,989	4,196	4,756	**4,560**		*-4.2*	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	15.05	15.24	14.66	14.66	14.66	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	23.6	7.3	9.3	8.1	15.9	4.6	**4.9**	-73.4	*6.5*	-10.5
Non-Residential	2.2	3.3	3.5	5.5	11.0	5.5	**16.2**	800.0	*194.5*	72.6
Number Of Construction Contracts	340	99	150	173	492	84	**107**	-80.2	*27.3*	-23.1
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	1.1	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	**0.8**	300.0	*100.0*	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	**0.0**	0.0	*-100.0*	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	**0.3**	200.0	*50.0*	na
Family (Other)	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	0.8	**1.2**	20.0	*50.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
Other										
Land Loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	0.1	**0.1**	-83.4	*0.0*	na
Refinancing	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.6	1.5	1.9	**3.1**	0.0	*63.1*	na
All Other	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	**0.5**	-87.2	*-37.5*	na
Total Loans Closed	5.2	3.6	4.7	10.4	4.5	4.6	**5.9**	-73.4	*28.2*	na
Loans in Process	12.2	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.6	**6.1**	-50.0	*-7.6*	na
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	23	12	19	14	11	15	**13**	-38.1	*-13.4*	-38.9
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	10.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	**11.0**	57.1	*0.0*	8.2
Telephone Lines (000)	183.4	183.8	184.0	184.8	185.2	185.5	**185.3**	0.0	*-0.2*	na
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	222,798	217,228	217,718	215,524	221,163	226,421	**232,282**	17.3	*2.5*	570.4
Persons	4,029	4,038	4,041	4,006	4,121	4,206	**4,307**	17.9	*2.4*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	578,270	568,890	583,520	601,126	627,744	662,735	**672,845**	26.4	*1.5*	na
Recipients	12,931	12,792	13,045	13,314	13,291	13,692	**13,838**	17.4	*1.0*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	4,325	4,843	4,646	4,510	5,066	4,445	**4,315**	-16.4	*-3.0*	na
Benefits Paid	1,417,226	1,480,452	1,297,178	1,250,090	1,449,506	1,368,005	**1,243,770**	-12.8	*-9.1*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	330,974	314,839	268,208	182,444	229,970	262,169	**270,194**	-16.6	*3.0*	na
ICF Mental	12,234	14,464	21,446	26,889	31,065	33,813	**36,110**	0.0	*6.7*	na
ICF I Services	564,747	526,309	538,987	555,750	560,271	570,973	**548,055**	5.4	*-4.1*	na
Physicians	118,777	170,959	156,596	109,348	163,282	113,466	**95,973**	-21.8	*-15.5*	na
Drugs	143,601	186,348	161,085	156,111	211,449	178,811	**129,289**	-12.9	*-27.7*	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	187,402	241,014	206,426	197,840	218,899	170,277	**192,856**	12.5	*13.2*	-1.4
Tax Revenue	20,614	26,512	22,707	21,762	24,079	18,730	**21,214**	12.5	*13.2*	-1.4
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	213	285	254	271	227	283	**266**	2.3	*-6.1*	-8.6
Deaths	89	95	77	96	77	83	**74**	-17.8	*-10.9*	-3.5
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	3,272,722	3,626,842	3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	**5,468,215**	73.4	*18.0*	22.7
Severence Tax	507,170	548,810	467,011	444,397	474,456	na	**na**	na	*na*	na

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New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	37	58	56	48	64	46	40	68	38	47	37	**32**	-13.5	-13.6	8.9
Cadillac	28	37	19	29	38	35	29	34	36	38	30	**25**	-10.7	-16.7	7.1
Chevrolet	84	85	104	109	115	85	85	86	71	92	87	**63**	-18.2	-27.6	31.5
Chrysler	27	27	31	13	20	30	23	30	18	26	23	**29**	31.8	26.0	11.5
Datsun	66	62	42	44	50	77	79	65	42	28	14	**9**	-84.0	-35.7	-14.3
Dodge	15	18	18	24	18	22	17	30	33	44	28	**18**	63.6	-35.7	55.7
Ford	143	73	101	72	132	93	88	77	69	104	76	**84**	109.6	10.5	39.3
Honda	21	36	19	34	39	36	24	38	18	20	18	**25**	4.1	38.9	56.3
Lincoln	7	13	22	20	14	22	31	13	16	22	19	**29**	61.1	52.6	25.9
Mazda	16	25	22	18	17	34	14	26	23	20	27	**14**	-12.5	-48.1	-19.9
Mercury	28	30	31	25	34	34	31	43	30	30	38	**38**	52.0	0.0	30.6
Oldsmobile	52	51	59	72	57	57	65	67	43	35	37	**45**	-19.7	21.6	-7.6
Plymouth	13	25	10	4	12	13	9	6	9	7	36	**17**	41.6	-52.8	47.7
Pontiac	59	42	63	69	61	65	60	66	48	59	41	**53**	26.1	29.2	61.7
Renault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	5	17	11	**7**	0.0	-36.4	na
Toyota	26	26	23	23	27	31	28	41	21	28	26	**25**	96.2	-3.9	6.3
Volkswagen	13	20	1	25	30	17	15	9	15	14	15	**6**	-53.9	-60.0	47.5
Volvo	12	9	20	23	18	16	14	12	6	7	8	**18**	18.5	125.0	17.2
Other	33	51	21	62	75	46	47	46	43	59	86	**80**	66.6	-7.0	29.2
Total Car Sales	680	688	662	714	821	759	699	771	584	697	657	**617**	14.4	-6.1	19.5
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	92	90	115	123	146	104	119	113	80	118	91	**89**	29.4	-2.2	20.9
Datsun	16	42	16	27	30	24	21	16	12	33	6	**1**	-93.8	-83.4	19.6
Dodge	46	50	44	61	51	60	52	45	41	59	42	**43**	46.2	2.3	72.1
Ford	135	112	83	86	105	121	96	81	91	98	76	**58**	26.0	-23.7	30.3
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Mazda	13	29	22	10	32	47	31	35	24	28	9	**18**	5.8	100.0	69.3
Toyota	11	15	19	18	23	20	24	29	32	34	27	**23**	283.3	-14.5	93.6
Other	10	13	21	19	9	21	17	19	16	32	78	**62**	1450.0	-20.0	296.2
Total Truck Sales	323	351	320	344	396	397	360	338	296	402	329	**294**	37.3	-10.7	43.9

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	76.9	76.3	75.5	75.2	74.9	74.4	73.5	-4.6	-1.3	-3.5
Total Employed (000)	66.4	65.9	65.4	65.1	64.8	64.8	63.2	-4.3	-2.5	-2.7
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	10.5	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.6	10.3	-6.4	7.2	-8.3
Unemployment Rate	13.7	13.6	13.4	13.4	13.5	12.9	14.1	-1.4	9.3	-5.0
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	12,639	13,729	11,613	9,917	10,997	10,824	10,446		-3.5	na
Benefits Paid	2,000,135	2,136,986	1,786,237	1,520,495	1,655,584	1,597,726	1,565,542		-2.1	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	21	17	20	21	19	12	11		-8.4	na
Benefits Paid	3,756	2,616	3,251	3,186	2,518	1,804	1,663		-7.9	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	84	89	65	61	85	64	53		-17.2	na
Benefits Paid	13,446	13,427	9,370	9,311	12,363	9,399	7,880		-16.2	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	17.08	17.08	17.08	17.49	17.46	na	na	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	-58.9	31.2	-21.2
Non-Residential	1.7	3.0	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.4	-96.5	-73.4	-9.6
Number Of Construction Contracts	64	44	62	42	39	34	24	-65.3	-29.5	-34.7
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	170,164	198,352	179,765	177,420	198,122	132,765	164,781	5.8	24.1	-6.6
Tax Revenue	18,718	21,819	19,774	19,516	21,793	14,604	18,126	5.8	24.1	-6.6
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	5.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	50.0	0.0	20.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	33.3	0.0	20.6
Telephone Lines (000)	92.8	92.7	93.1	93.4	93.6	93.8	93.6	0.0	-0.3	na
Lake Charles Port Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)										
Imports	137.5	102.8	100.5	88.0	206.3	79.9	101.0	0.0	26.4	na
Exports	304.2	224.7	243.8	226.0	302.5	330.4	188.5	0.0	-43.0	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)										
Imports	639.4	548.6	885.2	710.2	521.6	1,022.9	776.7	0.0	-24.1	na
Exports	651.5	743.5	555.5	488.7	574.1	527.9	492.9	0.0	-6.7	na
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	347,424	347,689	344,712	346,211	358,672	355,084	362,769	18.8	2.1	na
Persons	6,202	6,279	6,267	6,246	6,480	6,382	6,560	19.1	2.7	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	1,010,103	1,020,374	1,029,967	1,040,367	1,092,333	1,142,390	1,164,462	32.3	1.9	na
Recipients	21,706	21,941	21,981	22,021	21,910	22,328	22,771	20.4	1.9	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	5,258	6,077	5,551	5,545	5,900	5,307	4,937	-20.2	-7.0	na
Benefits Paid	1,960,565	2,247,618	1,961,332	2,050,077	2,185,155	2,035,892	1,824,020	-4.6	-10.5	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	403,483	463,046	314,985	308,434	405,462	321,893	252.207	-25.3	-21.7	na
ICF Mental	325,890	387,944	386,268	385,921	389,514	409,960	434.571	37.9	6.0	na
ICF I Services	620,315	631,503	673,187	669,560	659,636	718,261	646,914	1.3	-10.0	na
Physicians	157,566	205,291	165,396	134,826	188,765	140,987	124,701	-20.2	-11.6	na
Drugs	179,793	190,270	169,458	149,564	182,098	164,189	118,179	-17.2	-28.1	na
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	276	259	258	256	237	227	236	-15.5	3.9	-10.6
Deaths	127	128	107	114	109	108	89	-32.6	-17.6	-3.6
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,984,993	2,345,348	2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	42.1	5.7	17.7
Severence Tax	1,305,288	1,653,951	1,610,111	1,298,482	1,009,448	2,207,101	1,700,528	43.8	-23.0	21.0

New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Buick	39	74	54	52	40	77	53	32	37	37	26	34	-34.7	30.7	4.7
Cadillac	14	13	8	6	17	11	11	15	17	10	11	10	-37.5	-9.1	-5.3
Chevrolet	84	59	97	109	104	90	89	85	60	85	75	75	-21.1	0.0	7.2
Chrysler	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	11	0.0	120.0	na
Datsun	58	46	32	41	43	51	58	59	28	29	4	1	-97.8	-75.0	-17.9
Dodge	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	17	0.0	183.3	na
Ford	49	71	76	74	99	83	65	87	71	60	55	45	-11.8	-18.2	17.9
Honda	27	17	32	22	18	20	24	27	12	18	14	16	33.3	14.2	58.3
Lincoln	3	7	13	16	16	19	8	17	13	20	21	14	100.0	-33.4	15.1
Mazda	3	6	6	5	3	5	5	8	6	8	6	3	-40.0	-50.0	-31.2
Mercury	16	23	31	22	43	25	27	29	37	32	29	20	-13.1	-31.1	16.3
Oldsmobile	46	53	64	65	85	69	57	68	57	48	41	30	-53.9	-26.9	-19.9
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.0	0.0	na
Pontiac	73	70	87	58	71	95	48	71	65	76	53	27	-35.8	-49.1	31.4
Renault	11	2	12	6	8	6	9	5	7	18	10	4	300.0	-60.0	122.7
Toyota	15	14	9	17	17	11	23	27	18	31	27	16	6.6	-40.8	-5.9
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other	14	12	6	11	14	14	17	16	17	29	56	36	350.0	-35.8	69.2
Total Car Sales	452	467	527	504	584	580	499	549	448	503	447	367	-15.9	-17.9	8.8

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area — **Per Cent Change**

New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	95	94	101	97	90	89	82	99	71	84	63	**64**	-18.0	1.5	5.1
Datsun	15	44	36	17	23	32	22	17	18	27	0	**1**	-91.7	0.0	31.2
Dodge	0	0	0	1	8	9	3	3	4	13	17	**30**	0.0	76.4	∞
Ford	89	83	89	100	121	88	80	83	71	80	70	**66**	-44.6	-5.8	0.0
GMC	52	49	64	62	86	87	59	83	61	95	86	**47**	-9.7	-45.4	23.8
Mazda	2	5	10	2	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	**1**	-83.4	-80.0	22.2
Toyota	7	11	10	11	11	14	20	22	22	26	31	**16**	77.7	-48.4	101.0
Other	23	13	10	14	41	24	16	25	25	33	52	**69**	331.2	32.6	134.6
Total Truck Sales	283	299	320	304	384	349	285	340	278	361	324	**294**	0.6	-9.3	21.4

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turing activities were both depressed. Although a decline in the LEI during one month does not definitely suggest a decrease in economic activities activities in the future, it might indicate a subdued outlook for the state economy in the next 6 to 9 months.

General sales tax collection were 4.6 percent lower in December than in November and 4.1 percent higher than in December 1983. The value of construction contracts was 14.6 percent less than in October and 8.7 percent less than in December 1983. New Car Sales in December were 11.5 percent less than in November and 14.4 percent less than in December 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 24.1 percent higher in the current period, due in part to the sales tax rate increase. The value of construction was 8.5 percent higher and new car sales were 4.8 percent higher.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest information on unemployment rates and changes in employment in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas during the past year. The Lafayette metro area has the lowest unemployment rate in the state, while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of the table shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 52 for Baton Rouge means that 188 metro areas in the nation had a lower unemployment rate and 51 a higher unemployment rate. Lake Charles had the 8th highest unemployment rate among the 240 metro areas of the country. The rankings, by unemployment rates, of all the metro areas within Louisiana decreased in November, which means that the unemployment rates of the metro areas in Louisiana decreased in comparison with the other metropolitan areas in the U.S.

Comparing December 1984 with December 1983, Houma/Thibodaux experienced the highest percentage increase in employment among the metro areas, followed by Shreveport and Lafayette. During the past twelve months, employment in Houma/Thibodaux grew 4.4 percent while employment in Shreveport grew 4.0 percent. Shreveport had the greatest absolute increase in non-agricultural wage and salary employment (4400), followed by Baton Rouge (3600). The Shreveport economy experienced employment gains in durables manufacturing (12.6%), construction (4.3%), retail trade (4.0%), finance, insurance and real estate (5.0%), and smaller percentage gains in services and government. The Baton Rouge economy experienced gains in durables manufacturing (10.2%), retail trade (4.8%), services (3.9%), finance insurance and real estate (3.2%) and a slight gain in construction.

The state unadjusted unemployment rate for January should be slightly higher than 10.4% recorded in December due to the seasonal layoff in retail and wholesale trade ; most metropolitan areas should show a similar increase in unemployment rates. Although the unemployment rates will show some seasonal decreases during the Spring months, major improvements in the state or local economies during the next six months are not likely to occur.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator

The purpose of the Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator is to provide monthly projections of the direction which Louisiana 's economy is likely to take in the following 3 to 9 months. The index is based on 1976 equal to 100 but the value of the index is not as important as the changes in it from month to month.

Two other characteristics of the index are important. First, the Leading Economic Indicator forecasts general trends in the state 's economy for the months that follow. The Louisiana Economic Indicator "leads" changes in the state 's personal income, employment and earnings. For example, the decline in the index during the first eight months of 1982 correctly forecasted the decrease in personal income and employment which occured in

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Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	78.8	78.1	79.8	80.0	80.0	79.4	**78.1**	2.3	-1.7	1.7
Total Employed (000)	71.5	70.9	72.3	72.5	71.9	70.8	**69.2**	0.8	-2.3	3.6
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.5	8.1	8.6	**8.9**	15.5	3.4	-12.9
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.4	10.1	10.8	**11.4**	11.7	5.5	-14.2
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	5,281	5,424	5,564	4,657	5,696	6,064	**6,654**		9.7	na
Benefits Paid	694,821	707,781	683,631	602,698	758,106	829,328	**938,112**		13.1	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	83	118	112	89	90	72	**62**		-13.9	na
Benefits Paid	7,736	11,551	12,199	11,267	12,295	11,176	**10,292**		-8.0	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	97	105	131	116	144	121	**131**		8.2	na
Benefits Paid	13,159	14,732	19,284	17,667	21,802	17,935	**18,320**		2.1	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	67.57	67.97	71.45	71.45	70.84	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	4.1	4.0	6.5	4.1	3.0	2.8	**2.2**	-70.7	-21.5	-30.9
Non-Residential	3.0	2.7	1.8	4.1	5.6	3.1	**3.1**	210.0	0.0	23.3
Number Of Construction Contracts	62	63	83	66	66	48	**34**	-78.9	-27.3	-34.8
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	3	5	4	3	4	9	**6**	-87.5	-33.4	-85.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3	**3.3**	10.0	0.0	-22.8
Telephone Lines (000)	98.8	99.0	99.1	99.3	99.7	99.7	**99.6**	0.0	-0.2	na
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	340,427	332,027	335,149	332,872	335,291	331,562	**342,422**	9.9	3.2	na
Persons	6,207	6,095	6,220	6,130	6,153	6,066	**56,936**	895.7	838.6	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	860,574	852,838	854,066	866,289	910,341	965,206	**975,037**	17.6	1.0	na
Recipients	20,046	19,990	19,979	19,919	19,736	20,364	**20,671**	7.5	1.5	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	8,658	9,512	8,826	8,684	9,649	8,753	**8,302**	-19.9	-5.2	na
Benefits Paid	5,786,933	5,858,245	5,907,269	5,740,892	6,182,117	5,824,239	**5,745,420**	0.0	-1.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	511,430	404,908	401,413	319,368	456,135	273,204	**336,721**	-33.3	23.2	na
ICF Mental	3,486,744	3,529,396	3,682,428	3,600,083	3,690,881	3,663,587	**3,726,799**	8.6	1.7	na
ICF I Services	1,019,639	1,029,044	1,087,016	1,080,938	1,066,980	1,093,278	**1,094,705**	2.8	0.1	na
Physicians	160,154	199,957	158,473	137,123	235,329	191,004	**132,409**	0.5	-30.7	na
Drugs	212,394	296,606	227,870	245,642	287,325	276,259	**171,484**	-16.0	-38.0	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	118,343	142,250	121,169	130,555	137,741	95,041	**114,362**	14.5	20.3	2.2
Tax Revenue	13,018	15,647	13,329	14,361	15,152	10,455	**12,580**	14.4	20.3	2.2
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	197	243	208	222	199	223	**191**	-15.2	-14.4	-2.0
Deaths	107	153	137	106	105	109	**104**	2.9	-4.6	-0.4
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,272,591	1,288,415	1,334,988	1,684,655	1,738,892	1,664,952	**1,585,983**	31.4	-4.8	13.8
Severence Tax	170,830	191,400	184,018	171,315	174,425	112,842	**181,141**	-37.2	60.5	-9.3

New Car Sales	**Jun 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	29	24	39	44	27	51	27	48	35	23	23	**21**	-16.0	-8.7	-0.3
Cadillac	8	7	15	7	10	15	11	5	12	5	4	**12**	-14.3	200.0	-24.0
Chevrolet	72	52	55	71	58	55	54	49	60	53	37	**26**	-41.0	-29.8	20.0
Chrysler	3	9	3	6	7	14	9	9	5	13	7	**4**	33.3	-42.9	28.9
Datsun	22	22	17	15	18	29	16	26	12	7	1	**4**	-80.0	300.0	-36.2
Dodge	11	7	9	9	8	9	4	7	9	10	9	**5**	0.0	-44.5	6.5
Ford	56	65	54	36	59	62	54	59	67	46	50	**39**	-22.0	-22.0	10.4
Honda	26	28	26	25	18	23	16	25	13	16	19	**16**	6.6	-15.8	41.8
Lincoln	8	3	8	5	12	19	9	12	8	8	21	**8**	14.2	-42.9	8.0
Mazda	12	11	8	11	15	11	13	15	12	14	9	**4**	-55.6	-55.6	-24.2
Mercury	14	14	28	30	42	43	15	23	35	34	30	**23**	109.0	-23.4	190.3
Oldsmobile	81	75	93	59	80	73	54	45	52	55	29	**30**	-47.4	3.4	-23.3
Plymouth	3	8	5	4	9	6	1	8	10	16	6	**2**	-33.4	-66.7	16.4
Pontiac	33	36	36	32	34	54	32	40	31	46	28	**15**	-46.5	-46.5	8.3
Renault	1	8	8	6	3	7	10	5	6	6	2	**6**	200.0	200.0	325.0
Toyota	13	19	6	15	11	8	12	14	10	4	19	**4**	-66.7	-79.0	-34.3
Volkswagen	2	2	1	1	4	5	3	3	5	0	0	**1**	-66.7	0.0	42.1
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Other	9	21	10	14	20	13	19	19	15	15	30	**25**	177.7	-16.7	-10.7
Total Car Sales	403	411	421	390	435	497	359	412	397	371	324	**245**	-24.9	-24.4	-2.1

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	48	52	53	70	42	83	53	56	58	40	45	**34**	-52.8	-24.5	-6.1
Datsun	10	18	8	13	13	22	13	7	6	12	0	**2**	-71.5	0.0	16.9
Dodge	34	34	31	30	14	65	20	25	23	23	14	**6**	-82.5	-57.2	38.0
Ford	85	94	87	81	98	115	104	94	80	108	67	**54**	-52.7	-19.5	2.3
GMC	15	8	13	14	24	12	14	14	14	17	15	**13**	-27.8	-13.4	-9.0
Mazda	8	12	18	2	16	8	15	8	10	13	13	**3**	-66.7	-77.0	3.2
Toyota	17	11	9	14	15	8	12	7	11	3	12	**9**	80.0	-25.0	5.7
Other	14	14	18	22	29	32	24	21	39	28	33	**25**	19.0	-24.3	59.8
Total Truck Sales	231	243	237	246	251	345	255	232	241	244	199	**146**	-44.3	-26.7	7.2

the latter part of 1982 and the early part of 1983; the upward trend in the indicator in the latter part of 1982 preceded the increase in Louisiana 's personal income, employment and earnings which begin in March of 1983.

A second characteristic is that the Leading Economic Indicator is much more volatile than the measurements of general economic activity such as personal income or employment. Thus, the Leading Economic Indicator might decrease by 6 or 7 percent as it did between January and August, 1982. However, the state 's economy might experience only a one percent decrease in employment or personal income.

By their very nature, leading economic indicators are relatively simplistic and can not capture all of the influences being exerted on the economy. However, if they are used with caution they can provide some indication of the future direction of the economy. The index is updated and revised each month.

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate Dec. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Nov. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Dec. 1983 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas Nov. 1984*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 12/83-12/84
Louisiana	10.4%	10.8%	10.2%	10.4%	10.3%	10.7%	6**	3.2%
Alexandria	11.4%	11.2%	10.8%	11.1%	10.2%	10.0%	26	0.9%
Baton Rouge	9.3%	9.6%	9.2%	9.3%	8.4%	8.7%	52	3.0%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.3%	na	10.2%	na	11.3%	na	27	4.4%
Lafayette	6.4%	6.6%	6.3%	6.2%	7.1%	7.3%	121	3.5%
Lake Charles	14.1%	14.4%	12.9%	12.9%	14.3%	14.7%	4	4.2%
Monroe	9.8%	9.9%	9.8%	9.8%	10.0%	10.2%	32	2.1%
New Orleans	10.1%	10.6%	10.0%	9.7%	9.1%	9.5%	36	0.9%
Shreveport	8.3%	8.0%	7.9%	7.9%	9.7%	9.4%	71	4.0%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

Economic Indicators: Shreveport AREA

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	176.1	172.8	172.3	174.2	174.4	173.6	**173.3**	2.4	-0.2	1.0
Total Employed (000)	162.9	159.8	159.5	161.1	160.7	159.8	**158.9**	3.9	-0.6	4.3
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	397.58	381.44	402.11	419.89	407.41	434.51	**438.69**	7.3	0.9	8.9
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.2	39.9	41.2	42.2	40.7	41.5	**41.9**	1.9	0.9	4.5
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	13.2	13.0	12.8	13.1	13.7	13.8	**14.4**	-12.2	4.3	-29.1
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	**8.3**	-14.5	5.0	-29.8
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	12,567	14,207	12,135	10,614	13,253	13,720	**13,848**	na	0.9	na
Benefits Paid	1,628,404	1,835,376	1,546,245	1,413,081	1,799,152	1,830,672	**1,831,571**	na	0.0	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	67	73	53	35	66	165	**68**	na	-58.8	na
Benefits Paid	8,084	8,537	5,902	4,082	6,601	21,859	**7,285**	na	-66.7	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	155	190	218	237	258	210	**166**	na	-21.0	na
Benefits Paid	22,547	27,462	32,338	35,359	38,756	31,380	**24,827**	na	-20.9	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	96.34	96.48	96.57	97.27	93.97	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	11.5	13.0	16.7	18.3	18.2	13.2	**6.3**	78.3	-52.3	0.4
Non-Residential	17.9	5.9	44.7	11.6	20.3	9.4	**5.9**	51.2	-37.3	51.3
Number Of Construction Contracts	204	367	427	307	231	236	**216**	-71.9	-8.5	4.7
Fifth Statistics ($ Mil)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	**6.0**	0.0	2,900.0	na
Non-Residential	0.8	6.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	**0.5**	150.0	25.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	**0.3**	50.0	0.0	na
Family (Other)	0.9	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	**0.2**	-71.5	-60.0	na
2-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.3	**0.4**	0.0	33.3	na
Other										
Land Loans	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Refinancing	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
All Other	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	**1.3**	550.0	8.3	na
Total Loans Closed	4.2	10.5	2.9	4.0	1.5	2.8	**8.7**	-10.1	210.7	na
Loans in Process	16.1	19.9	17.9	15.8	14.2	12.4	**15.2**	-56.4	22.5	na
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	968	940	897	1,336	1,005	1,035	**1,002**	15.1	-3.2	24.1
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	30.0	30.0	29.0	30.0	25.0	28.0	**25.0**	-3.9	-10.8	-14.0
Telephone Lines (000)	191.2	191.6	192.2	192.7	193.3	193.5	**193.0**	0.0	-0.3	na
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	911,081	891,728	905,891	891,540	904,699	908,054	**922,776**	8.9	1.6	na
Persons	16,657	16,458	16,820	16,533	16,742	16,835	**17,079**	9.6	1.4	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	2,228,025	2,213,998	2,200,675	2,241,096	2,358,215	2,463,227	**2,472,809**	12.4	0.3	na
Recipients	50,501	50,199	50,135	50,215	49,975	51,022	**51,183**	3.5	0.3	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	12,271	13,699	12,290	11,311	14,490	12,054	**10,558**	-29.6	-12.5	na
Benefits Paid	4,461,684	4,652,118	4,577,313	4,403,634	5,094,440	4,379,123	**4,293,862**	-0.3	-2.0	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	656,047	685,283	521,929	484,429	642,024	377,047	**392,026**	-26.8	3.9	na
ICF Mental	1,385,442	1,424,798	1,580,248	1,529,317	1,541,442	1,538,258	**1,539,628**	12.0	0.0	na
ICF I Services	1,452,315	1,388,566	1,601,347	1,563,523	1,607,306	1,591,498	**1,601,266**	5.5	0.6	na
Physicians	223,381	231,386	206,886	152,892	231,039	202,950	**164,186**	-11.6	-19.2	na
Drugs	292,184	422,110	305,598	283,466	431,511	296,204	**244,531**	-4.3	-17.5	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	382,523	457,915	368,409	429,718	466,831	315,629	**378,573**	5.4	19.9	-1.7
Tax Revenue	42,077	50,371	40,526	47,269	51,352	34,720	**41,643**	5.4	19.9	-1.7
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	541	614	564	610	549	528	**565**	0.5	7.0	-2.7
Deaths	305	342	378	342	258	273	**233**	-14.7	-14.7	0.1
Revenue Collection	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	4,744,621	6,338,216	5,453,361	5,997,536	6,536,771	4,855,147	**5,973,699**	35.6	23.0	17.6
Severence Tax	2,705,025	1,863,854	3,096,634	2,623,378	3,340,655	2,087,830	**2,734,509**	11.9	30.9	-8.9

Economic Indicators: Shreveport AREA

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	105	74	76	112	117	112	104	165	83	82	66	**62**	-3.2	-6.1	16.8
Cadillac	47	49	43	42	46	42	40	58	39	31	35	**34**	-35.9	-2.9	-10.3
Chevrolet	191	162	222	174	183	207	195	180	163	198	112	**103**	-28.5	-8.1	12.1
Chrysler	30	31	39	40	43	50	37	49	34	40	30	**26**	-8.3	-13.4	5.6
Datsun	54	40	32	34	30	45	47	49	32	13	9	**9**	-72.8	0.0	-25.6
Dodge	25	25	22	33	34	36	26	26	22	42	31	**18**	-25.0	-41.9	-13.5
Ford	226	203	146	166	137	231	142	131	124	231	208	**187**	25.5	-10.1	0.2
Honda	37	40	32	48	29	33	16	43	17	31	26	**21**	-8.7	-19.3	30.4
Lincoln	49	76	95	33	52	40	28	45	75	82	44	**27**	92.8	-38.7	75.0
Mazda	15	18	24	21	15	15	28	14	27	29	16	**15**	-28.6	-6.3	-18.0
Mercury	91	90	96	82	110	88	70	88	75	98	64	**56**	0.0	-12.5	24.1
Oldsmobile	194	237	231	162	244	225	171	164	139	125	122	**104**	-40.6	-14.8	5.9
Plymouth	14	15	20	21	27	26	23	19	15	24	12	**17**	21.4	41.6	32.3
Pontiac	109	83	108	89	116	139	91	130	96	127	84	**55**	-28.6	-34.6	24.9
Renault	12	29	16	16	20	23	22	18	12	13	20	**10**	-58.4	-50.0	37.9
Toyota	48	37	15	34	43	35	47	66	22	50	43	**30**	-41.2	-30.3	-27.4
Volkswagen	8	6	10	15	12	8	6	6	14	7	7	**10**	-33.4	42.8	31.5
Volvo	5	12	8	3	6	6	16	6	2	2	3	**6**	50.0	100.0	-3.9
Other	62	43	44	62	57	51	43	30	29	48	88	**72**	67.4	-18.2	-1.0
Total Car Sales	1,322	1,270	1,279	1,187	1,321	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,020	1,273	1,020	**862**	-14.5	-15.5	7.4
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	160	123	139	180	213	178	143	153	150	167	129	**106**	-28.9	-17.9	0.1
Datsun	7	35	14	11	20	19	16	8	11	5	2	**3**	-77.0	50.0	11.0
Dodge	49	60	65	71	49	76	76	56	45	71	54	**44**	-20.0	-18.6	32.3
Ford	161	183	210	198	210	216	160	189	159	192	195	**122**	-18.2	-37.5	20.9
GMC	30	29	21	29	26	29	30	25	23	26	14	**16**	-27.3	14.2	15.0
Mazda	14	24	19	19	14	19	20	16	22	20	6	**12**	-33.4	100.0	35.7
Toyota	19	21	7	22	28	31	21	27	24	24	16	**24**	50.0	50.0	40.4
Other	57	53	94	53	61	76	45	65	63	65	57	**46**	6.9	-19.3	59.7
Total Truck Sales	497	528	569	583	621	644	511	539	497	570	473	**373**	-19.8	-21.2	18.8

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	61.1	60.3	60.7	59.5	60.1	60.2	**59.8**	1.8	-0.7	-0.7
Total Employed (000)	55.4	54.6	55.1	54.0	54.2	54.3	**53.9**	2.0	-0.8	1.2
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	**5.9**	0.0	0.0	-16.2
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.8	9.8	**9.8**	-2.0	0.0	-15.2
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	8,128	8,494	7,669	6,168	7,204	6,824	**6,743**	na	-1.2	na
Benefits Paid	1,076,724	1,122,670	995,320	797,361	951,144	878,329	**858,248**	na	-2.3	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	36	31	39	29	24	74	**30**	na	-59.5	na
Benefits Paid	4,365	3,321	3,871	2,511	2,109	11,808	**4,108**	na	-65.3	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	75	55	73	80	119	122	**91**	na	-25.5	na
Benefits Paid	9,514	7,490	10,310	11,791	17,411	17,765	**13,607**	na	-23.5	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	22.66	23.92	22.69	21.07	21.07	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	2.5	6.8	4.7	4.4	6.3	2.5	**9.7**	470.5	288.0	30.2
Non-Residential	0.4	1.0	2.7	15.0	2.2	17.8	**6.4**	255.5	-64.1	22.5
Number Of Construction Contracts	44	79	71	78	121	43	**206**	635.7	379.0	24.2
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	3.8	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	**0.1**	0.0	-50.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.3**	0.0	0.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	0.0	3.4	2.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	**1.3**	0.0	160.0	na
Family (Other)	0.0	3.5	3.1	1.6	1.4	1.9	**3.4**	0.0	78.9	na
2-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.9**	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.9	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Other										
Land Loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.7	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Refinancing	0.0	1.8	1.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	**0.6**	0.0	20.0	na
All Other	0.0	0.2	1.4	3.7	0.7	1.6	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Total Loans Closed	0.0	13.4	8.9	8.8	16.1	11.7	**6.6**	-43.6	-43.6	na
Loans in Process	0.0	46.5	41.2	35.9	33.0	29.3	**25.7**	0.0	-12.3	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	140,680	152,016	160,670	154,701	171,733	123,111	**138,621**	0.6	12.5	-3.1
Tax Revenue	15,475	16,721	17,674	17,017	18,891	13,542	**15,248**	0.6	12.5	-3.1
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	19	15	17	18	14	15	**8**	-66.7	-46.7	-12.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	**7.0**	-12.5	-12.5	1.3
Telephone Lines (000)	128.6	128.9	129.0	129.4	130.2	130.4	**130.1**	0.0	-0.3	na
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	573,372	559,314	556,406	557,289	570,035	567,411	**577,548**	9.7	1.7	na
Persons	10,588	10,377	10,326	10,340	10,583	10,519	**10,744**	10.2	2.1	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	1,306,762	1,286,610	1,274,935	1,305,002	1,373,456	1,422,935	**1,418,727**	12.9	-0.3	na
Recipients	29,677	29,560	29,302	29,491	29,321	29,859	**29,781**	4.1	-0.3	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	9,449	10,514	9,164	9,156	10,313	9,271	**8,570**	-22.3	-7.6	na
Benefits Paid	2,833,721	2,881,658	2,322,168	2,578,511	2,991,240	2,739,619	**2,292,895**	-14.8	-16.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	560,071	372,787	236,252	469,885	427,149	380,242	**285,286**	-38.9	-25.0	na
ICF Mental	252,578	221,900	212,784	213,700	395,752	388,935	**293,623**	15.7	-24.6	na
ICF I Services	965,922	964,349	1,006,150	1,009,336	1,028,823	1,035,067	**1,015,500**	9.5	-1.9	na
Physicians	342,607	409,149	231,188	251,218	349,552	301,669	**240,734**	-15.0	-20.2	na
Drugs	301,659	435,231	337,929	315,217	452,751	336,566	**244,975**	-28.0	-27.3	na
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	143	260	248	272	222	222	**215**	-14.0	-3.2	-10.7
Deaths	121	137	144	134	115	118	**90**	-22.5	-23.8	-3.2
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	2,040,777	2,324,020	2,731,163	3,598,562	3,523,979	2,860,474	**2,684,378**	91.9	-6.2	32.0
Severence Tax	172,588	162,042	92,757	256,826	156,869	161,774	**191,501**	19.5	18.3	-5.5

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	50	51	41	61	63	49	40	65	40	39	36	**34**	-39.3	-5.6	-15.9
Cadillac	30	12	15	22	23	16	27	20	14	14	17	**14**	-44.0	-17.7	4.6
Chevrolet	71	55	50	45	63	53	36	45	49	63	42	**40**	-7.0	-4.8	0.6
Chrysler	7	4	7	9	24	21	14	15	16	20	15	**14**	0.0	-6.7	31.7
Datsun	31	15	13	21	19	19	20	19	20	13	7	**4**	-80.0	-42.9	-38.0
Dodge	8	14	12	9	16	16	17	12	13	15	30	**7**	-30.0	-76.7	111.2
Ford	46	62	66	62	73	61	60	54	41	78	47	**47**	2.1	0.0	21.4
Honda	24	27	22	35	29	30	35	42	14	28	43	**29**	38.0	-32.6	51.0
Lincoln	8	9	9	14	16	23	19	12	20	25	17	**19**	72.7	11.7	14.3
Mazda	16	23	12	22	19	22	18	17	19	29	21	**13**	-41.0	-38.1	-11.2
Mercury	25	37	16	26	44	34	33	52	40	40	32	**33**	106.2	3.1	39.6
Oldsmobile	72	76	110	95	65	92	72	67	54	58	67	**39**	-59.8	-41.8	-10.5
Plymouth	3	2	7	1	10	5	6	7	9	11	15	**9**	800.0	-40.0	157.5
Pontiac	35	20	27	34	43	56	43	45	36	31	39	**21**	0.0	-46.2	73.3
Renault	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	**1**	-80.0	-66.7	-75.9
Toyota	18	11	18	18	14	31	27	30	23	31	29	**30**	100.0	3.4	10.2
Volkswagen	5	3	3	3	8	10	5	4	2	3	0	**9**	350.0	0.0	189.4
Volvo	6	5	10	9	13	15	5	13	6	9	8	**4**	-50.0	-50.0	28.7
Other	28	24	13	19	28	18	13	19	10	26	27	**30**	130.7	11.1	107.3
Total Car Sales	483	452	452	508	570	571	490	540	428	534	495	**397**	-11.0	-19.8	10.6
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	71	64	54	57	83	68	71	60	71	96	62	**63**	6.7	1.6	5.8
Datsun	7	18	17	15	11	14	7	5	3	11	0	**0**	-100.0	0.0	-1.9
Dodge	17	12	16	20	28	24	29	19	21	20	24	**18**	12.5	-25.0	108.4
Ford	64	58	87	90	96	104	106	84	67	126	75	**50**	-21.9	-33.4	30.6
GMC	29	37	36	29	45	38	21	47	26	43	27	**23**	-57.5	-14.9	5.2
Mazda	31	41	12	27	26	30	15	27	28	30	19	**14**	7.6	-26.4	32.1
Toyota	20	8	12	19	10	21	13	16	15	10	17	**17**	70.0	0.0	21.0
Other	29	21	37	21	19	36	21	25	18	37	26	**36**	-12.2	38.4	13.9
Total Truck Sales	268	259	271	278	318	335	283	283	249	373	250	**221**	-17.3	-11.6	20.3

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	7,979	7,780	7,806	6,506	7,083	8,345	**7,887**	na	*-5.5*	na
Benefits Paid	1,200,328	1,153,119	1,119,082	954,102	1,041,816	1,318,060	**1,229,085**	na	*-6.8*	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	7	7	14	12	14	12	**11**	na	*-8.4*	na
Benefits Paid	1,021	803	2,088	1,620	1,713	1,293	**975**	na	*-24.6*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	24	14	14	10	5	3	**7**	na	*133.3*	na
Benefits Paid	3,472	2,204	2,402	1,634	765	459	**1,071**	na	*133.3*	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	37.59	37.59	36.31	84.40	85.08	0.00	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	7.5	3.8	4.3	4.0	4.9	2.9	**1.8**	0.0	*-38.0*	na
Non-Residential	1.0	1.3	8.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	**3.8**	0.0	*442.8*	na
Number Of Construction Contracts	136	70	112	59	58	33	**53**	0.0	*60.6*	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	193,508	231,474	206,553	199,109	227,954	163,066	**207,212**	7.3	*27.0*	-3.4
Tax Revenue	21,286	25,462	22,721	21,902	25,075	17,938	**22,793**	7.3	*27.0*	-3.4
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	365,549	357,218	360,871	357,312	368,547	360,992	**375,793**	20.1	*4.1*	na
Persons	6,658	6,545	6,596	6,489	6,728	6,581	**6,868**	20.1	*4.3*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	1,132,380	1,109,997	1,110,647	1,126,492	1,192,216	1,231,954	**1,242,756**	22.6	*0.8*	na
Recipients	24,672	24,356	24,455	24,300	24,365	24,898	**25,163**	13.0	*1.0*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	4,708	5,389	4,291	4,876	5,160	4,330	**4,261**	-16.9	*-1.6*	na
Benefits Paid	1,537,358	1,564,160	1,029,683	1,577,839	1,532,037	1,485,774	**1,054,533**	-22.5	*-29.1*	na
Inpat General Hospital	452,850	441,930	182,729	404,158	2,099,795	351,247	**106,169**	-66.7	*-69.8*	na
ICF Mental	152,249	147,845	167,663	187,812	211,781	192,120	**219,736**	45.7	*14.3*	na
ICF I Service	318,975	321,985	339,161	335,315	323,606	347,987	**323,255**	4.5	*-7.2*	na
Physicians	128,570	186,193	76,445	122,046	127,056	95,167	**110,137**	8.8	*15.7*	na
Drugs	99,145	123,430	109,382	113,651	124,992	112,146	**92,581**	-11.9	*-17.5*	na
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	258	326	294	276	269	260	**226**	-26.9	*-13.1*	-12.9
Deaths	111	113	106	109	102	96	**100**	7.5	*4.1*	-1.7
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,497,703	1,490,795	1,679,080	1,774,938	1,943,065	1,996,692	**1,843,016**	44.5	*-7.7*	14.8
Severence Tax	9,534,755	9,084,479	10,267,403	8,987,124	8,424,101	7,596,784	**6,490,737**	-22.0	*-14.6*	-11.6
New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	37	41	60	71	60	70	52	72	38	47	45	**29**	-38.3	*-35.6*	2.9
Cadillac	11	15	6	16	13	8	7	18	7	13	12	**9**	-50.0	*-25.0*	-16.7
Chevrolet	67	59	78	79	82	71	64	58	67	69	49	**45**	7.1	*-8.2*	19.3
Chrysler	12	14	11	12	17	24	21	16	17	15	19	**14**	-17.7	*-26.4*	22.2
Datsun	23	24	22	21	15	24	25	22	22	13	1	**6**	-71.5	*500.0*	-39.8
Dodge	11	16	12	11	21	53	21	31	16	16	17	**17**	54.5	*0.0*	-43.4
Ford	43	60	56	53	73	62	50	42	62	52	50	**49**	0.0	*-2.0*	20.2
Honda	27	21	27	32	38	34	31	44	24	32	17	**33**	73.6	*94.1*	123.6
Lincoln	8	6	7	9	10	13	9	4	11	18	12	**11**	57.1	*-8.4*	8.2
Mazda	3	0	7	5	7	4	5	7	6	3	5	**2**	-66.7	*-60.0*	-18.2
Mercury	22	26	18	24	27	24	23	27	28	39	23	**18**	12.5	*-21.8*	11.5
Oldsmobile	68	77	81	59	90	67	52	64	41	36	36	**43**	-45.6	*19.4*	-5.9
Plymouth	9	6	14	8	10	14	18	12	10	12	11	**4**	-60.0	*-63.7*	23.0
Pontiac	30	30	34	35	33	40	35	54	25	33	33	**40**	-2.5	*21.2*	3.6
Renault	3	3	3	3	7	13	8	4	0	7	1	**1**	-50.0	*0.0*	165.0
Toyota	26	33	12	16	30	37	30	40	28	42	20	**27**	-3.6	*35.0*	34.7
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	6	10	9	10	20	12	13	13	7	8	17	**25**	78.5	*47.0*	368.7
Total Car Sales	406	441	457	464	553	570	464	528	409	455	368	**373**	-12.7	*1.3*	7.7
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	68	61	61	55	118	72	71	70	54	72	81	**41**	-28.1	*-49.4*	24.4
Datsun	10	19	21	12	12	12	14	11	7	8	0	**1**	-91.0	*0.0*	-29.1
Dodge	41	69	59	71	50	65	64	40	38	59	50	**49**	11.3	*-2.0*	22.4
Ford	65	68	64	70	74	93	69	69	52	70	75	**58**	5.4	*-22.7*	11.1
GMC	35	22	26	33	40	28	23	32	24	19	27	**24**	-31.5	*-11.2*	-7.5
Mazda	3	4	3	5	2	7	2	3	9	4	4	**4**	100.0	*0.0*	72.4
Toyota	12	18	13	11	16	27	16	20	15	22	10	**18**	63.6	*80.0*	147.5
Other	16	15	13	12	19	29	20	26	19	29	25	**34**	240.0	*36.0*	225.3
Total Truck Sales	250	276	260	269	331	333	279	271	218	283	272	**229**	1.7	*-15.9*	22.6

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

Parish	Population	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	348,359	371,182	403,397	461,428	556,297	513,699	463,791	39.4	-9.8	12.6
Allen	21,739	66,930	66,318	70,976	81,850	122,979	101,523	83,755	32.7	-17.6	26.9
Ascension	54,618	443,685	454,201	512,465	570,426	621,203	582,712	580,474	48.2	-0.4	26.0
Assumption	23,955	60,738	58,976	63,673	74,536	70,608	70,956	72,038	37.0	1.5	6.8
Avoyelles	42,715	136,324	134,974	134,096	149,961	168,477	176,185	164,065	29.6	-6.9	15.3
Beauregard	31,207	234,154	175,609	143,727	217,870	274,338	239,994	244,801	31.3	2.0	76.2
Bienville	16,188	34,259	33,947	57,758	38,274	37,662	48,502	40,374	29.2	-16.8	17.7
Bossier	88,370	601,337	711,145	739,781	846,634	910,379	875,758	825,662	37.7	-5.8	24.9
Caddo	261,817	3,912,576	5,364,947	4,159,375	4,848,666	5,299,213	3,632,821	4,846,714	35.6	33.4	15.8
Calcasieu	176,760	1,984,993	2,345,345	2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	42.1	5.7	17.7
Caldwell	10,947	28,264	29,117	41,922	58,806	51,707	51,182	51,431	90.8	0.4	34.7
Cameron	10,139	46,379	43,505	99,117	63,940	54,111	69,920	83,429	96.3	19.3	29.7
Catahoula	12,326	52,153	58,519	55,365	63,005	70,003	68,823	63,563	8.2	-7.7	13.7
Claiborne	18,367	70,666	76,196	101,741	102,969	135,692	101,057	96,245	36.6	-4.8	25.4
Concordia	23,577	113,147	111,473	108,537	145,559	139,313	144,242	152,551	54.6	5.7	31.9
Desoto	26,970	106,299	138,937	121,723	180,418	167,259	158,360	139,021	25.8	-12.3	34.7
East Baton Rouge	389,503	7,069,142	6,385,220	6,870,428	9,570,935	8,237,799	8,273,589	8,140,734	36.8	-1.7	22.1
East Carroll	11,671	53,412	52,660	56,312	51,636	68,989	116,643	49,405	-10.1	-57.7	40.9
East Feliciana	19,939	46,421	34,885	87,748	578,544	67,821	48,354	59,101	35.4	22.2	184.5
Evangeline	34,367	149,336	147,466	143,541	173,667	191,989	173,913	166,458	41.9	-4.3	40.9
Franklin	24,509	90,030	90,149	95,323	106,381	111,524	131,249	117,501	43.5	-10.5	21.2
Grant	17,621	12,825	11,144	27,091	13,454	13,418	31,953	17,746	61.5	44.5	25.2
Iberia	69,257	1,219,975	690,466	733,183	857,076	861,506	823,365	862,387	41.1	4.7	27.1
Iberville	32,981	206,495	270,191	295,764	383,256	577,505	403,936	449,584	45.6	11.3	59.9
Jackson	17,309	1,131,185	136,206	95,070	111,808	175,518	215,351	62,394	-10.5	-71.1	118.9
Jefferson	476,915	6,261,577	6,654,226	7,666,076	8,084,948	7,999,463	8,553,125	8,351,410	49.2	-3.4	34.8
Jefferson Davis	33,017	191,405	191,393	187,252	214,146	253,952	219,377	231,614	8.4	5.5	20.6
Lafayette	169,694	3,272,722	3,626,842	3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	73.4	18.0	22.7
Lafourche	88,349	536,855	468,418	526,056	589,911	610,107	624,789	603,318	37.3	-3.5	21.8
Lasalle	17,697	90,576	86,658	95,385	96,354	98,031	108,670	96,614	2.6	-11.1	25.2
Lincoln	41,847	279,901	309,437	303,807	321,219	391,659	451,119	455,942	51.5	1.0	15.9
Livingston	66,451	221,585	200,212	234,443	253,674	295,519	282,629	262,926	30.3	-7.0	20.6
Madison	15,894	40,962	51,931	57,838	68,039	69,749	66,023	65,268	49.4	-1.2	29.6
Morehouse	35,183	128,751	177,211	545,988	1,024,230	251,502	233,283	242,735	11.4	4.0	109.5
Natchitoches	40,805	201,391	221,195	244,792	277,751	295,781	292,324	267,663	-10.0	-8.5	26.0
Orleans	567,062	9,390,036	10,105,961	9,877,115	12,723,126	11,977,473	12,360,047	13,578,022	38.1	9.8	8.4
Ouachita	142,300	1,912,026	2,146,809	2,185,175	2,574,332	3,272,477	2,627,191	2,441,643	106.7	-7.1	25.5
Plaquemines	26,778	237,682	295,155	290,665	338,603	398,848	355,981	328,279	24.9	-7.8	0.0
Pointe Coupee	25,091	74,935	70,582	100,430	95,221	123,840	93,043	107,761	56.2	15.8	16.6
Rapides	138,346	1,259,766	1,277,271	1,307,897	1,671,201	1,725,474	1,632,999	1,568,237	31.1	-4.0	13.4
Red River	11,114	33,542	34,303	34,059	41,692	40,849	41,029	39,614	16.6	-3.5	12.8
Richland	22,785	85,055	67,276	103,935	61,539	123,087	152,728	129,599	42.7	-15.2	15.0
Sabine	27,139	102,669	105,476	97,032	129,900	113,270	118,166	124,659	40.2	5.4	13.4
St. Bernard	67,949	150,634	287,329	318,753	543,530	375,330	215,839	351,149	83.0	62.6	25.4
St. Charles	41,103	355,638	268,406	333,661	311,124	415,295	326,344	436,067	76.8	33.6	59.5
St. Helena	10,186	18,757	12,508	12,699	-7,493	9,409	14,483	4,297	-69.6	-70.4	12.7
St. James	21,970	96,369	76,519	91,743	145,415	58,517	121,661	123,220	25.3	1.2	9.8
St. John	37,668	268,070	462,709	301,380	378,537	391,124	404,937	367,826	35.0	-9.2	47.7
St. Landry	87,800	486,589	478,945	508,620	559,400	587,405	606,526	555,973	24.4	-8.4	19.0
St. Martin	44,455	153,946	177,617	223,691	255,234	235,272	280,028	233,056	-24.8	-16.8	22.2
St. Mary	66,950	614,924	636,727	685,580	974,472	897,767	856,736	844,011	41.4	-1.5	20.9
St. Tammany	128,130	916,897	956,935	997,936	1,101,338	1,074,469	1,104,198	1,065,727	12.2	-3.5	25.9
Tangipahoa	87,863	508,773	528,988	565,745	684,937	676,464	736,657	635,381	42.0	-13.8	13.4
Tensas	8,244	17,324	17,618	26,541	23,097	25,757	34,510	21,071	20.3	-39.0	13.9
Terrebonne	102,038	960,848	1,022,377	1,153,024	1,185,027	1,332,958	1,371,903	1,239,698	48.3	-9.7	11.5
Union	21,734	57,947	50,750	66,468	83,774	80,263	81,643	78,271	49.5	-4.2	12.1
Vermillion	52,445	261,623	262,569	275,680	331,160	338,481	319,570	335,905	39.9	5.1	11.3
Vernon	61,275	194,938	196,155	235,559	244,988	237,049	226,423	225,049	31.9	-0.7	18.6
Washington	45,765	165,031	155,590	184,090	208,307	212,400	217,713	194,798	45.3	-10.6	21.9
Webster	45,205	230,708	262,124	554,205	302,236	327,179	346,568	301,323	30.5	-13.1	28.8
West Baton Rouge	20,168	149,630	122,223	190,347	226,614	172,106	161,264	134,124	-41.2	-16.9	-22.2
West Carroll	13,267	45,096	52,029	77,579	60,641	64,983	69,534	48,442	36.9	-30.4	26.5
West Feliciana	13,269	2,924,158	250,040	175,404	144,105	179,532	169,533	3,770,447	1,686.0	2,124.0	184.0
Winn	17,575	77,019	83,355	82,023	100,942	124,205	104,440	116,238	48.3	11.2	25.7
Out Of State		19,988,352	19,685,395	22,200,538	23,645,458	25,057,146	26,330,857	25,099,276	33.4	-4.7	20.4
Total Sales Tax	437,847	67,478,116	66,133,173	70,009,625	81,543,912	81,507,752	81,490,719	86,294,814	44.1	5.8	21.3

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Per Cent Change

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Grocery Stores	2,312,564	2,404,686	2,855,771	5,198,887	3,217,727	3,502,649	**3,262,415**	46.8	-6.9	33.8
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	84,754	92,390	92,359	107,760	126,096	113,017	**122,710**	14.2	8.5	11.2
Meat & Seafood Stores	281,529	327,079	315,089	357,559	399,174	373,587	**364,291**	36.5	-2.5	10.1
Restaurants & Cafes	2,532,889	2,682,637	2,956,070	3,392,766	3,462,950	3,618,164	**3,436,438**	39.4	-5.1	17.7
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,145,288	2,485,263	2,382,406	2,923,741	3,196,335	2,658,050	**3,116,049**	48.7	17.3	11.5
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	164,522	178,262	198,202	229,771	229,029	206,450	**172,627**	-29.2	-16.4	17.1
Bakeries	58,401	50,133	72,136	81,618	81,580	72,082	**82,840**	31.5	14.9	23.1
Chain Stores (Food)	402,688	368,287	526,842	510,354	515,803	647,306	**793,939**	38.3	22.6	-2.4
Other Foods	1,226,031	1,394,050	1,628,847	1,828,982	1,868,345	2,085,382	**1,946,054**	70.7	-6.7	36.5
Men and Boy's Clothing	306,349	275,888	262,499	309,223	327,007	311,511	**325,007**	34.6	4.3	10.8
Women's Ready To Wear	657,576	604,470	558,418	660,040	764,881	783,911	**796,725**	36.8	1.6	16.4
Millinery	488,765	519,595	524,910	534,159	521,962	720,784	**533,062**	27.9	-26.1	10.9
Shoe Stores	699,420	562,010	560,380	697,951	849,879	674,123	**721,977**	28.3	7.0	-8.9
Salvage Clothing	3,812	3,923	4,950	5,074	5,164	7,578	**6,466**	34.2	-14.7	19.5
Children's Clothing	47,177	30,242	35,267	550,090	65,945	64,601	**56,163**	46.3	-13.1	107.7
Chain Stores (Clothing)	381	0	96	131	193	371	**271**	5.4	-27.0	-86.9
Other Apparel	661,043	660,976	652,337	762,989	926,652	888,113	**868,083**	43.6	-2.3	27.6
Department Stores	2,421,427	2,507,851	2,607,809	2,878,275	3,387,195	3,164,734	**3,084,392**	61.3	-2.6	34.9
Country & Farm Stores	3,676	5,314	5,488	7,935	15,269	11,232	**8,703**	24.8	-22.6	-22.7
Variety Stores	1,961,359	2,303,437	2,342,347	2,761,068	2,351,090	2,399,153	**3,460,731**	98.1	44.2	28.4
Drug Stores	1,032,187	1,036,493	939,235	1,264,232	1,365,088	1,229,534	**1,330,102**	57.3	8.1	18.1
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,136,982	1,247,197	1,154,501	1,324,608	1,381,270	1,405,975	**1,440,696**	37.0	2.4	14.3
Feed & Seed	190,562	141,348	125,315	157,503	131,452	178,401	**151,212**	38.9	-15.3	20.1
Hardware Stores	1,114,172	1,222,411	1,163,043	1,411,646	1,493,830	1,446,416	**1,356,659**	29.7	-6.3	13.9
Farm Implement Dealers	674,099	727,674	662,843	698,868	762,883	869,963	**809,260**	34.7	-7.0	21.3
Chain Stores (General)	1,759,807	2,032,594	1,734,411	2,291,575	2,784,093	2,140,535	**2,281,464**	25.8	6.5	14.7
Other General Merchandise	935,675	991,342	1,037,277	1,205,172	1,792,633	1,324,968	**1,205,690**	37.4	-9.1	20.1
Motor Vehicle Dealers	677,062	714,546	675,811	933,000	981,428	862,336	**978,761**	42.1	13.5	13.5
Auto Parts, Tires	1,951,230	2,044,180	2,040,314	2,527,328	2,538,452	2,419,790	**2,438,313**	31.4	0.7	16.4
Service Stations	631,362	851,342	1,398,846	885,239	1,028,012	975,181	**1,196,470**	59.2	22.6	5.7
Garages, Repair Shops	806,416	835,215	979,636	1,115,037	1,044,166	1,201,707	**1,054,359**	47.1	-12.3	18.7
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	85,478	47,607	62,890	105,188	98,717	83,779	**66,857**	-44.8	-20.2	109.2
Marine Supplies	136,064	138,280	172,835	311,531	240,962	183,354	**172,729**	47.4	-5.8	24.4
Motor Boats	120,811	134,037	140,137	135,821	150,693	89,669	**90,741**	30.8	1.1	13.1
Aircraft	32,027	33,821	38,339	43,625	45,345	55,192	**35,979**	-35.6	-34.9	1.0
Chain Stores (Auto)	664,111	1,007,498	721,887	945,091	852,754	865,479	**852,006**	-22.2	-1.6	-19.0
Other Automotive	97,851	106,192	100,613	117,459	135,864	123,409	**157,865**	242.2	27.9	25.2
Furniture Stores	657,420	728,814	694,953	879,049	931,882	827,630	**898,135**	31.7	8.5	16.5
Electric & Gas App	1,267,284	1,315,146	1,334,189	1,530,155	1,576,442	1,560,271	**1,544,302**	53.3	-1.1	21.8
Butane Dealers	691,078	690,945	691,836	744,469	801,733	821,268	**825,049**	8.4	0.4	13.3
Store, Office Furniture	1,131,957	1,216,534	1,316,858	1,783,378	1,703,434	1,663,960	**1,898,237**	52.9	14.0	65.4
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	219,149	266,176	210,388	271,573	299,756	267,476	**379,105**	81.5	41.7	85.8
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	303,231	313,475	360,679	327,218	355,595	358,244	**360,672**	37.9	0.6	24.8
Dental, Medical Supplies	327,716	375,043	393,039	450,650	463,414	481,016	**461,340**	58.2	-4.1	8.4
Safes, Locks	35,348	32,694	37,160	43,454	45,854	51,712	**46,529**	16.6	-10.1	15.8
Chain Stores (Furniture)	1,877	1,192	549	413	1,963	401	**1,499**	0.0	273.8	15.7
Other Furniture	264,932	309,876	353,101	365,289	347,218	380,871	**358,262**	59.4	-5.9	21.4
Bldg Contractors, Construction	206,268	191,228	183,701	204,666	214,978	205,288	**191,086**	-12.3	-7.0	3.8
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	4,391,591	4,367,054	4,242,791	5,041,336	5,037,159	4,827,967	**4,659,519**	8.2	-3.5	19.1
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	2,724,133	2,997,351	2,737,445	3,412,613	3,148,771	3,256,806	**3,467,675**	57.8	6.4	42.6
Oil Well Equipment	2,996,452	2,720,817	2,520,055	3,394,883	3,405,160	3,178,944	**3,488,575**	61.6	9.7	38.7
Contractors (Elect)	203,886	195,509	239,981	265,077	275,715	246,388	**262,750**	38.5	6.6	31.4
Contractors (Paint)	16,458	11,650	20,458	19,553	19,514	23,863	**19,369**	55.5	-18.9	43.2
Contractors (Roofing)	43,811	48,663	55,255	61,222	58,668	51,083	**65,920**	56.4	29.0	13.6
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	1,690,214	2,008,964	2,127,886	2,011,048	2,014,950	2,333,582	**5,981,960**	253.1	156.3	33.6
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	**
Other Contractors	371,690	381,067	403,299	453,888	509,724	430,869	**390,383**	-2.0	-9.4	-1.1
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,020,401	984,262	1,153,570	1,433,003	1,439,440	1,670,294	**1,669,682**	86.1	-0.1	35.9
Leasing, Renting	2,721,620	1,665,051	2,487,827	2,521,341	2,498,929	2,704,023	**2,369,370**	4.3	-12.4	13.2
Bowling, Billiards	18,003	16,584	16,198	21,799	31,378	33,914	**33,156**	137.0	-2.3	72.8
Laundry, Tailoring	306,733	286,870	294,505	362,754	364,157	372,085	**402,239**	43.2	8.1	21.1
Newspapers, Printing	669,630	706,386	777,897	814,435	904,845	988,340	**924,140**	42.6	-6.5	23.1
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,321	1,096	1,099	1,376	1,927	2,051	**2,064**	147.7	0.6	34.8
Warehouses	37,272	39,288	35,172	50,398	43,061	49,751	**40,870**	35.3	-17.9	-0.2
Shoe Repair, Shine	12,402	11,933	16,998	14,259	18,940	20,800	**20,239**	54.6	-2.7	14.1

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	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Machine Shops, Welding	536,604	569,815	627,051	643,350	742,915	706,388	**726,289**	36.8	2.8	17.1
Other Service Groups	600,596	613,924	731,703	881,907	849,461	888,787	**644,514**	20.6	-27.5	21.3
Beverage Bottlers	430,899	525,365	485,571	590,046	788,763	588,406	**608,423**	48.9	3.4	17.2
Sugar Refineries	7,720	8,485	9,751	15,215	11,246	9,700	**9,503**	-10.1	-2.1	12.7
Petroleum, Natural Gas	98,976	1,365,506	137,204	130,988	117,316	1,187,222	**642,073**	498.5	-46.0	135.9
Petroleum Refineries	273,984	320,148	298,088	501,337	506,480	294,130	**308,094**	26.0	4.7	31.6
Sawmills, Sash & Door	9,860	8,236	13,729	8,554	14,827	15,934	**9,784**	8.3	-38.6	-14.9
Sand & Gravel	336,198	296,992	326,947	314,646	311,906	400,793	**290,459**	-3.4	-27.6	17.0
Rice Mills	626	242	1,150	491	1,070	1,318	**738**	-46.8	-44.1	-55.2
Cotton Seed Oil	3,599	2,830	2,837	1,754	2,947	3,710	**4,496**	131.2	21.1	24.1
Ice Manufacture	12,954	25,042	31,316	41,596	32,610	30,988	**20,383**	-12.4	-34.3	2.7
Other Manufacturers	10,050,028	5,141,845	5,186,858	7,524,989	6,992,967	8,888,060	**7,296,404**	38.4	-18.0	31.9
Railroads	0	0	0	0	0	20	**0**	0.0	-100.0	-89.6
Bus Lines, Etc.	6	107,351	16,191	40,144	34,918	26,387	**37,894**	21,353.7	43.6	10,737.9
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	∞
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	564	2,113	1,488	1,337	534	1,290	**331**	-55.9	-74.4	-34.9
Fire Protection	22,291	19,704	27,082	33,164	31,994	33,733	**27,835**	33.1	-17.5	29.0
Pipelines	1,234	666	910	2,187	278	1,337	**2,374**	279.2	77.5	-38.0
Light, Power, Gas	68,376	90,820	92,092	163,983	74,430	62,243	**92,518**	34.5	48.6	15.0
Telephone, Telegraph	11,196	8,295	9,766	10,092	21,834	19,830	**10,897**	51.6	-45.1	19.4
Other Utilities	73,467	267,201	141,875	-4,877	72,120	78,962	**125,129**	-51.5	58.4	-64.5
Book Stores, Etc.	322,093	256,305	389,800	325,705	514,321	539,475	**400,269**	42.9	-25.9	18.5
Itinerant Vendors	8,030	9,615	9,618	10,236	13,487	13,713	**12,690**	52.3	-7.5	10.8
Piano, Musical Instruments	229,827	225,323	276,238	317,985	312,633	345,809	**330,750**	39.8	-4.4	3.1
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	49,232	49,944	59,817	74,208	61,812	61,559	**69,633**	34.3	13.1	20.4
Photo Studios	247,728	271,632	295,697	308,481	324,906	352,097	**345,647**	50.0	-1.9	17.6
Cigar Stores, News	456,929	508,417	575,027	674,034	693,904	674,854	**710,632**	44.2	5.3	13.4
Florists, Nurseries	350,263	298,183	288,325	247,356	257,417	275,763	**274,143**	34.3	-0.6	19.4
Funeral Parlors	102,714	107,979	122,585	136,032	125,817	147,887	**129,899**	28.2	-12.2	18.0
Fishing Bait	101,759	93,614	148,977	156,646	96,952	165,919	**185,549**	-4.7	11.8	-6.8
Miscellaneous	5,584,807	5,951,930	7,947,133	7,115,618	8,211,664	8,028,250	**7,708,447**	22.4	-4.0	-28.8
Common Carriers	269,421	257,631	261,924	319,277	305,484	389,496	**372,014**	57.4	-4.5	10.5
Total Sales Tax	71,183,789	70,130,264	73,036,841	85,944,439	87,305,653	86,511,857	**91,034,764**	43.5	5.2	21.2

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions

	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audubon State Commemorative Area	11,287	11,368	1,596	8,600	7,450	6,294	**5,552**	-48.2	-11.8	4.8
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	539	584	485	821	535	382	**355**	23.6	-7.1	21.2
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	14,292	11,579	7,316	3,896	2,278	2,654	**2,051**	28.0	-22.8	14.2
Chicot State Park	48,234	54,579	18,400	10,220	9,561	20,098	**29,870**	74.9	48.6	7.8
Cypremort Point State Park	25,890	25,076	16,566	9,578	2,252	2,974	**2,741**	159.0	-7.9	19.6
Edward Douglass White Memorial	62	79	55	20	95	24	**17**	-22.8	-29.2	91.4
Fairview-Riverside State Park	24,898	23,100	11,420	19,996	14,037	13,301	**10,340**	57.7	-22.3	34.5
Fontainbleau State Park	105,356	98,560	68,272	58,710	25,412	18,712	**25,066**	95.2	33.9	131.1
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	4,236	3,384	6,200	2,268	3,184	5,538	**6,588**	11.5	18.9	-8.1
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	72,252	47,718	36,022	39,112	33,150	23,640	**6,352**	-47.0	-73.2	121.5
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	4,610	3,384	4,048	2,160	1,561	1,679	**3,129**	144.8	86.3	109.5
Grand Isle State Park	153	53	162	147	370	324	**190**	-95.2	-41.4	-98.9
Hodges Gardens	4,923	3,533	2,430	2,064	1,470	1,083	**na**	na	na	na
Indian Creek Recreational Area	28,624	25,361	14,012	7,355	2,574	2,606	**na**	na	na	na
Kent House State Commemorative Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	na	na
Lake Bistineau State Park	19,191	23,226	13,303	9,710	6,898	4,674	**3,889**	79.7	-16.8	4.0
Lake Bruin State Park	14,942	15,670	10,706	7,842	4,082	3,288	**2,764**	30.0	-16.0	1.2
Lake Claiborne State Park	44,032	39,332	29,174	15,504	2,504	5,095	**2,950**	-4.6	-42.2	13.3
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	6,488	5,722	4,300	3,515	2,303	1,525	**1,481**	57.7	-2.9	16.8
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	18,842	23,048	14,208	15,270	8,920	9,474	**10,044**	-22.5	6.0	-10.1
Los Adeas	34	58	39	1,475	675	570	**604**	694.7	5.9	472.3
Avery Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	na	na
Louisiana State Arboretum	292	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	na	na
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	31,400	27,200	22,400	23,600	86,000	0	**0**	na	na	na
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	50,123	44,814	37,729	37,007	47,937	31,247	**0**	na	na	na
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	5,900	4,135	17,550	30,025	615,300	24,675	**0**	na	na	na
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	4,224	4,280	4,090	3,274	1,982	1,920	**2,150**	325.7	11.9	15.6
Old Arsenal Museum	5,760	6,128	4,463	3,187	2,799	2,537	**2,988**	80.2	17.7	-13.7
Marksville State Commemorative Area	18,020	16,624	9,118	13,525	7,380	4,836	**3,661**	6.6	-24.3	810.6
Old State Capitol	6,447	6,928	5,742	3,842	4,821	2,727	**0**	na	na	na
Plaquemine Locks	350	267	548	55	0	0	**0**	na	na	na
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	7,365	7,258	4,751	2,754	4,162	3,850	**2,413**	82.6	-37.4	88.1
Rebel State Commemorative Area	4,940	2,120	1,781	2,020	5,537	1,129	**1,221**	14.5	8.1	-1.1
St. Bernard State Park	25,339	18,268	5,371	8,653	10,976	10,394	**7,812**	164.8	-24.9	82.4
Sam Houston Jones State Park	22,858	39,130	29,405	28,308	10,928	19,284	**28,764**	225.7	49.1	7.0
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	321	200	195	142	75	0	**0**	na	na	na

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	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Per Cent Change		
Greenwood*	28,407	31,740	25,272	15,063	14,140	8,452	**6,848**	-1.8	-19.0	18.0
Kentwood (I-55)*	29,538	27,302	22,251	21,253	18,103	7,215	**3,461**	-31.3	-52.1	82.6
Louisiana State Capitol*	25,467	23,604	21,183	16,552	15,934	11,285	**7,314**	-6.8	-35.2	-0.8
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	17,395	18,958	16,629	10,203	10,127	8,571	**7,721**	4.7	-10.0	4.2
New Orleans*	20,002	14,307	11,609	11,553	12,505	5,608	**2,879**	-26.1	-48.7	-6.0
Pearl River (I-59)*	97,428	105,665	63,170	50,911	75,780	39,077	**27,001**	-50.9	-31.0	-18.4
St. Francisville*	5,574	5,629	4,957	4,071	5,339	2,392	**1,104**	3.8	-53.9	7.1
Slidell (I-10 W)*	113,079	133,627	109,160	93,830	102,267	69,405	**63,677**	-5.8	-8.3	40.9
Toledo Bend*	2,999	3,190	2,701	1,992	1,690	1,025	**731**	-2.7	-28.7	2.0
Vidalia*	2,624	2,637	2,019	1,645	2,273	1,400	**886**	-12.7	-36.8	17.7
Vinton (I-10 E)*	50,062	51,584	37,712	25,582	25,279	18,099	**18,287**	-11.9	1.0	39.1

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